

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

**HQ FILE: 100-50869**

**SECTION 23**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

## NOTICE

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March 17, 1965

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Dear [Redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of March 12th, with enclosure, and asked me to explain that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, the material you forwarded does not contain any reference to the FBI and, therefore, I am returning it to you.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

*Handwritten signature:* [Signature]

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Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The enclosure was a Lutheran petition attacking the National Council of Churches. It would appear that [Redacted] failed to submit his full document or material which he wants substantiated.

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RESPONDENT FILE

March 12, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed document was sent to me and I would like to check into the accuracy of those statements which refer to quotes of the F.B.I.

Sincerely yours,



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ENCLOSURE

REC 28

MAR 13 1965

We, the undersigned, who are members of the Lutheran Church [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have become increasingly alarmed about the activities and pronouncements of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America (hereafter referred to as NCC), of which the Lutheran Church in America, and therefore the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, is a member. We have therefore initiated a study of the NCC and we feel that the information which we have gathered should be given careful consideration by the Church Council and, unless proven false, should be presented to all members of Reformation Lutheran Church.

Each of us has studied the NCC for several months on an individual basis. We have met as a group on several occasions and have had members of the Committee of Christian Laymen speak to us and present to us some of their findings. We have corresponded with other persons across the country, including our Congressmen, and have obtained literature from many sources. As a result, we have reached the following conclusions:

The NCC does some things which are good. It conducts foreign missionary work; it distributes food and clothing to needy people overseas; it prepares and distributes church literature, etc. (This is also done by individual denominations.) However, the NCC has done and is doing many things which we feel are not in the best interest of the Church. Some of the actions of the NCC to which we are opposed are:

1. We believe it is wrong for the NCC to carry out lobbying activities with the federal government at all, and it is particularly wrong for it to do so as the professed voice of Protestantism. The NCC claims to speak for 40 million American Protestants and we object because we have no voice in the pronouncements made by the organization. As an example of some of the pronouncements made by the NCC we list the following:

a. That the United States recognize Red China and that Red China be admitted to the United Nations.

b. That the United States suspend atomic tests, unilaterally if necessary.

c. That the United States abolish universal military training.

d. The NCC is opposed to the House Committee on Un-American Activities and has proposed that it be abolished.

e. The NCC urges repeal of the McCarran Act which concerns restriction of immigrants. The communists are anxious for this repeal so that they may be able to bring even more spies into this country. The National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act has been cited as a Communist Front not only by the

House Un-American Activities Committee but also by the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Internal Security. Dr. G. Elson Ruff, editor of THE LUTHERAN, is listed as a member of this committee.

f. The NCC urges that the United States show a greater willingness to resolve disputes through the World Court, and is now lobbying to repeal the Connally Reservation which protects the United States sovereignty over its domestic affairs from meddling by the U.N. World Court. If the Connally Reservation is repealed the World Court could, if it desired, send troops from another country to quiet disturbances, such as riots, in the United States.

g. The NCC lobbied in Washington for the passage of the Civil Rights Bill, Section 202 of which we feel takes away the inherent rights of the individual property owner. Further the NCC organized and finances the Commission on Race and Religion under the direction of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake. Dr. Blake said in the first publicity announcements that the "direct action" which the Board specifically demanded in setting up the Commission, would include "demonstrations" and that this meant "being on the receiving end of a fire hose." Dr. Blake states further, "The Commission is authorized to call for demonstrations in every major city of the United States to be organized by local Councils of churches, church women and church men in order to witness our determination that the church shall be fully involved in a continuing effort to change the segregated pattern of American life."

The NCC organized a group of 475 young people for civil rights projects in Mississippi this summer and gave them a week's training, the aim of which was to "minimize conflict and trouble" when the young people started work.

We are apposed to the NCC calling on Christians to support demonstrations that endanger lives by developing into riots. Also, we hear an order to march on New York, home of the United Nations, to demonstrate for the rights of millions of people in slavery behind the Iron Curtain.

h. The NCC is against an amendment to our Constitution that would return the Bible to the public schools. Senator Thurmond says that 70% of the American people in a recent Gallup Poll desire Bible reading in the public schools.

2. We are very much apposed to some of the literature which the National Council of Churches publishes and distributes. The NCC published and distributed a pamphlet titled

"The Negro American - A Reading List". It contains a list of books for primary children, intermediates, juniors, seniors, and adults. In the introduction is stated: "We have tried to save you time by calling the best." And further: "Read aloud to your children, or put the books where they will be picked up." The reading list is indefensible and the NCC has admitted it is "embarrassed" about it. The list is bad for two reasons. First, some of the books are of questionable moral background. For instance, WITHOUT MAGNOLIAS by Becklin Moon depicts an act of adultery between a Negro woman and a white man in New York City, not only without an expression that this was immoral, but in such a manner that it was actually condoned. The reader is led to feel sympathy for the participants.

Another book, COLOR BLIND by Margaret Halsey, is written in acceptable language but devotes Chapter 8, pages 89-120 to the subject of "Sex, Jealousy and the Negro", with discussion included on relative sex potentials of Negro and white males.

We do not feel that this is the "best" reading available and we do not want to "read aloud to our children or put where they will be picked up". Furthermore, we believe there is no reason for a church organization to recommend such pornographic literature to its members.

The second fault which we find with the reading list is the number of authors who are known Communists or members of numerous Communist Front organizations. For example, Langston Hughes was positively identified in 1952 as a Communist. In 1957 more of his writings than of any other writer were placed on its recommended reading list by the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the NCC. Langston Hughes is author of the blasphemous poem "Goodbye, Christ", a copy of which is attached.

We believe there are enough Christian authors available to make it totally unnecessary for the NCC to have Communists writing the literature recommended for reading by our church members.

We greatly object to the pamphlet "Called to Responsible Freedom: The Meaning of Sex in the Christian Life" by William Graham Cole. This book was used by local churches for the young people until parents became aware of what the church was teaching. We quote:

"Our culture declares that all sexual activity within marriage is legal, proper, and good. While any such activity outside marriage is illicit, sinful, and wrong. This is to ignore the personal dimension of life, to seek to force everyone under one massive legal umbrella. You and I know perfectly well that there are many marriages that are simply matters of convenience, that such sex as goes on within them is selfish, exploitative, and evil. We know, further, that there is sexual contact between unmarried couples that is motivated by love and which is pure and on occasions beautiful. This is why we get confused."

"The crucial question to be asked about any sexual contact - from holding hands to complete intercourse - is not so much what is done as what is meant. A relatively mild necking session can mean a crude and selfish abuse of a person as a mere object while a more intense type of petting can mean that two human beings are expressing a genuine and deep love for each other. Is it all right to hold hands but wrong to pet? Society seems to say so, but then society has only its external concern. It cares little or nothing for any motivation, only for results... But as Christians we are very much concerned with inner motivation....

"In the personal, individual sense, then, what justifies and sanctifies sexuality is not the external marital status of the people before the law but rather what they feel toward each other in their hearts. Measured in such a way, holding hands can be very wrong indeed while intimate sex-play can be right and good....

"The Christian faith is based on forgiveness, so this is not our real problem.. the Epistle to the Hebrews would have us continue to run the race, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, rather than look back in remorse over the times that we stumble....."

We believe this book to be completely confusing and degrading morally to youth who happen to read it and we recommend that every member of the Council obtain a copy and read it in its entirety.

3. Reverend Edwin T. Dahlberg, Past President of the National Council of Churches, has a record of 17 public listings of his affiliations with Communist activities, petitions, and fronts.

4. 719 of the officers whose names appear on the rolls of the NCC have records of communist affiliations.

5. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible, apparently the official version of the Lutheran Church in America, was sponsored by the National Council of Churches and the organization receives royalties from its sale. Thirty (30) of the 95 men who gave us the Revised Standard Version have been cited as being connected with Communist and Communist-front projects, publications, and enterprises. Some of these men were associated with as many as 33 Communist fronts or causes. We feel that these are not the proper people to translate the Bible for us and we question some of the translation, such as the reflection which it casts on the Virgin Birth.

Based on the above findings and many others which we felt were too numerous to list at this time, we respectfully request that the Vice-Chairman appoint a committee of five laymen to work with us on a more intensive study of the National Council of Churches and the Lutheran Church in America's affiliation with it. We request further that the committee be instructed to report their findings to the Church Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council.



We wish it to be clearly understood that we have no desire or intention to cause  
dissension or friction within the congregation, but we believe that the National Council of  
Churches as it is presently operated is a harmful and highly dangerous institution and  
warrants a thorough investigation by Church Council.

[REDACTED]

March 17, 1965

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Your letter of March 11th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of the foregoing, I can assure you I have never made any statements concerning the National Council of Churches and its relationship to the Communist Party, and it is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning it.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

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- LEP Intro - 4-1-61
- Internal Security - 4-17-62
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- Faith in God
- One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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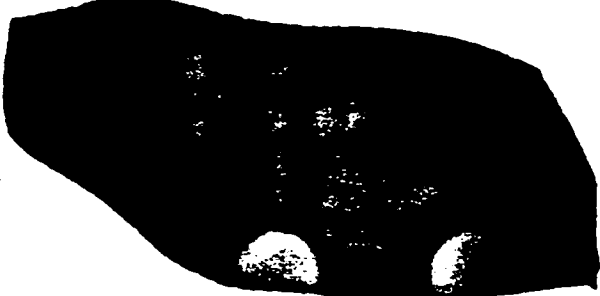
March 11, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of The Federal Bureau of investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have heard you quoted on several occasions concerning the National Council of Churches, and its relationship to the Communist party. Could you please give me or refer me to some publication that would give your impressions of the Council in this matter.

Sincerely Yours



REC-39

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

March 15, 1965

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 8th has been received, and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write me.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the National Council of Churches, nor can I suggest a source where you could obtain the data you desire. In addition, I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files regarding this organization.

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help readers gain an insight into the true nature of the communist conspiracy in this country. The latter contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. These books may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

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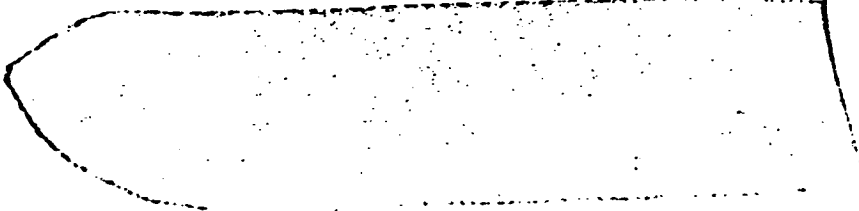
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**Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism**  
**Communism--The Incredible Swindle**  
**Domestic Intelligence**  
**Deadly Duel**  
**Our Heritage of Greatness**

**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.**



March 8, 1955

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Promotion Service  
Washington D.C.

Ref: National Council of  
Churches:

Dear Sirs:

Our church is studying the merits and conflicts of the National Council of Churches and we have heard pro and con that it might be communist in scope and we are wondering if you could give us any information that our committee may discuss and present to our church prior to voting into going into or against the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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To: SAC, Springfield

From: Director, FBI

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RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
BUDED 3-23-65

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory letter from captioned individual. He should be personally contacted and it should be tactfully pointed out to him that our files must be maintained as confidential. He should be informed, however, that the National Council of Churches has not been investigated by this Bureau. I am enclosing some material which he should be furnished for his information.

[Redacted] Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning the [Redacted] and no information identifiable with captioned correspondent.

Submit results to reach the Bureau no later than 3-23-65.

Enclosures (7)

- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
- "Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
- 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
- The Communist Party Line

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Follow-up made for 3-23-65

- WAM:RLS (6)
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Leach
- Callahan
- Conrad
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Trotter
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Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Casper  
 Mr. Callahan  
 Mr. Conrad  
 Mr. Felt  
 Mr. Gale  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Sullivan  
 Mr. Tavel  
 Mr. Trotter  
 Tele. Room  
 Miss Holmes  
 Miss Gandy

March 9, 1965

*James Johnston*  
*Managing Editor*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Department of Justice  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

**[REDACTED]** in the past few weeks has received a few letters expressing alarm over communism in our churches.

The main premises of these letters are, either by implication or direct charge:

- (1) There has been wholesale Communist infiltration of the clergy — apparently referring to Protestant denominations which belong to the National Council of Churches.
- (2) The National Council of Churches is a tool of the Communist conspiracy if, indeed, not an active part of it.
- (3) The entire ecumenical movement is a Communist plot.

The only individual actually named as a Red is the late Harry F. Ward, Methodist and Disciples of Christ denominations have been mentioned specifically.

The letters reflect the thinking of those who follow the Hargis-Bundy-McIntyre lines, of which I am sure you are familiar. As so often is the case, your name is tossed about freely in connection with these charges, either through broad generalizations or short quotes, which I suspect are out of context.

If memory serves me correctly, the FBI conducted an extensive investigation of Communist infiltration into church groups a few years back.

As the nation's most respected and accepted authority on communism, you could do us a great service if you would write or direct to have written under your authority a short statement of fact on the extent of Communist influence among the clergy in general and the NCC and ecumenical movement in particular.

The imposition, I realize, is great but the need for clarification in our "Voice of the People" column is evident. I am

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

March 9, 1965

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 United States Department of Justice  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of March 2nd has been received, and I appreciate the fact that the information contained in your files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the Department of Justice regulations.

The enclosures which you sent me have been most helpful, and especially since they were most appropriate for a study course the adults of this parish are engaged in at present. Last Wednesday night our discussion was concerning the Christian: Society and Ethics. The group found your statements most enlightening, and as a result are better informed than they could possibly have been otherwise.

The manner with which you conduct your office with the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a challenge to all Americans. Thank you for your integrity, character, and wisdom.

Most sincerely yours,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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March 11, 1965

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 5th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have mentioned and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450, along with other literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

- Enclosures (5)
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- AG List
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely
- 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
- NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
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5 March 1965

Gentlemen:

A recent article in the **Letters to the Editor** of a local paper indicated that the National Council of Churches was either subversive or "red"-dominated. The basis of the charge was information from a Dan Smoot Report and in the mid thirties "the Office of Naval Intelligence branded it a subversive organization."

Because of the seriousness of this charge I request any information you may have on whether the National Council of Churches is subversive and particularly if it is on the Attorney General's List of Subversive Organization

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

/s/



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REC 4



5 March 1965


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A recent article in the Letters to the Editor of a local paper indicated that the National Council of Churches was either subversive or a "red"-dominated. The basis of the charge was information from a Dan Smoot Report and in the mid thirties "the Office of Naval Intelligence branded it a subversive organization".

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Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,



March 8, 1965

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 3rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have mentioned and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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- Inclosures (5)
- "Faith in God -- Our Answer To Communism"
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- Intro to LEB 4-1-61
- Internal Security Statement 4-17-62
- "Our Heritage of Greatness"

Note: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning [REDACTED] and his group is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

March 3, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In addition to my duties with the Temperance League of [redacted], I am Pastor of a small Baptist Church which is located near three small towns-[redacted], and [redacted]. The name of my church is [redacted] Baptist and I am writing to you because of rumors which are rampant in the community concerning the National Council of Churches.

Do you have any information concerning the rumors that the National Council is infiltrated by Communists--or that the program of the National Council is left-wing--or that it might "lean" in that direction? 3

It will be greatly appreciated if you, or one of your staff members will furnish me with any information relative to my inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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EX-103

March 2, 1965

REC-131

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 23rd has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the organizations about which you asked. In addition, I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the subjects of your inquiry.

I would like to advise that Herbert Philbrick furnished data regarding subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1942 to 1952 for which he was compensated. His services were terminated with his appearance as a witness in the trial of the communist leaders in New York City. I cannot comment in any way whatsoever concerning Mr. Philbrick or his present activities or personal ventures.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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- Enclosures (5)
- Time of Testing
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- "Faith in God-- Our Answer To Communism"
- "Our Heritage of Greatness"
- "Time For Decision"

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**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches of the country. Various critics of the Council without access to fact to support their accusations, have claimed this group is communist-controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the National Council of Churches. (100-50869)**

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
Feb. 23, 1965

Dear Sirs;

I am interested in knowing more about the World Council & National Council of Churches, especially as to its connection with the Communists.

I attended the lecture of Mr. Philbrick at the Fort Wayne Bible College Feb. 20. th Any information you can give me will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly  
[REDACTED]

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EX. 109

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Feb. 23, 1965

Dear Sirs;

I am interested in knowing more about the World Council & National Council of Churches, especially as to its connection with the Communists.

I attended the lecture of Mr. Philbrick at the Fort Wayne Bible College Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Any information you can give me will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,  
CORRESPONDENCE

[REDACTED]

Wm. L. ...

March 2, 1965

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[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 25th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Enclosures (5)
- "Time for Decision"
- "Our Heritage of Greatness"
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- Time of Testing

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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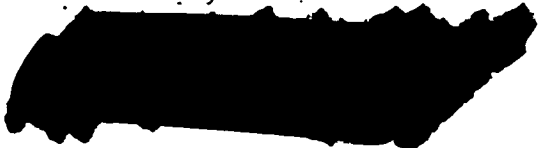
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February 25, 1965

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:


I understand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has done a study or investigation of the National Council of Churches. Since we have had so much material printed in the newspapers regarding the National Council of Churches, I wonder if it would be possible to get a copy for my own edification in this matter? I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,  


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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

February 17, 1965

*EP Encl 8-1*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
C/O F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the Saturday, February thirteenth issue of "The Dispatch", Lexington, N. C. newspaper the following article appeared. This article had been withheld from the paper until an article about the National Council of Churches had been published Friday in our paper. The National Council has been bitterly attacked in our community because of the integration movement (I prefer calling it the Civil Rights' movement). I have served as chairman of the Human Relations committee of our community (I was appointed by the Mayor to this committee and then elected by the members of the committee as chairman) and I was ridiculed, abused and accused of so many things. Even a smear campaign was instituted in order to condemn the committee. When we invited the chairman of the Good Neighbor Program of our state (a man appointed by our former Governor, [redacted] and [redacted] Mayor of [redacted] to come and speak in our community they were attacked through the radio station.

I am sending this article to your office not only to show you the article and to determine if it was sent to you but primarily to ask if a reply was made and if I could have a copy of the same. I have read numerous articles and I frequently question the authenticity of them. I regret that the FBI has been questioned in regards to the investigations in Mississippi but again this is part of a smear that is taking the country by storm.

If a reply was made to this article would you kindly send it to me and permit me to have it inserted in our local paper. The current "rave" of this area is the Rev. Carl McIntyre of Collingswood, New Jersey. He is being aired over many of the state's radio stations. It is a paid program and his so-called religious program is a condemnation of about every facet of government.

Thank you for a reply to this letter. I am not a crank who merely wants to continue to carry on a program of "give-and-take, bank-and-forth," but I do think that some refutation should be made from time to time just to indicate that ignoring a situation is not the only way to defeat it. However, in this case, ignoring it has been made to appear as accepting the article as fact.

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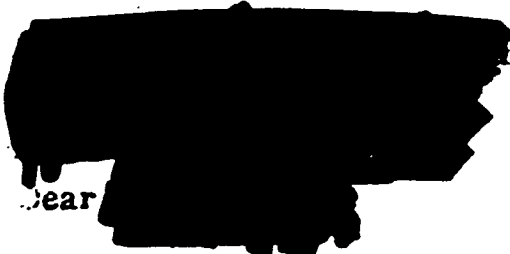
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P.S. I am also corresponding secretary of our local ministerium and although I am doing this as a free agent I know my brethren will be happy to know if any reply was ever made to this message.

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 Mr. Holmes  
 Miss Gandy

February 23, 1965



Dear [Redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of February 17th, with enclosure, and asked me to explain that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, it is hoped you will understand why this Bureau is not in a position to be of help in this instance and that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters you mentioned.

Mr. Hoover requested me to thank you for your expression of confidence in this Bureau, and to enclose literature which it is hoped will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
 Secretary

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Enclosures (5)

- Our Heritage of Greatness
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"PAUL PEVERE" MESSAGE - SEND TO FRIEND - SPREAD THE ARM - DON'T DISCARD

Toward a Planned Socialistic, Communistic, Society Led By

# The National Council of Churches of Christ

1907 - 1935

Dr. Harry F. Ward, a Fabian Socialist, came to the United States from Britain. In 1907 he organized the Methodist Federation for Social Service. The name was later changed to the Methodist Federation for Social Action and placed on the subversion list while Dr. Ward was identified under oath as a Communist.

In 1908, one year later, the Fabian Socialists participated in the organization of the Federal Council of Churches. Dr. Harry F. Ward wrote the original Social Creed for both the Federal Council of Churches and the Methodist Church.

In 1912 Sidney Hillman organized the Religion and Labor Foundation to tie the Churches in with the labor movement. Hillman had close ties with the Kremlin and his assistant was Walter Reuther. Close working relations were immediately established with the church leadership. The Communist Party has contended that the C.I.O. labor organization was established with the aid of the clergy under Dr. Harry F. Ward's influence. Gus Hall, head of the Communist Party, U.S.A., is himself a founder of the C.I.O. Steel Workers Union.

In 1935 the Office of Naval Intelligence cited the Federal Council of Churches for giving aid to Communist Causes.—Congressional Record Sept. 10, 1935.

1935 - 1950

During this period Walter Reuther established closer working relations with the Federal Council of Churches. In February 1950 he was invited to the Federal Council of Churches' Second National Study Conference on Church and Economic Life, the agency which developed the plan for a Socialistic Society in the United States under the title:

## "BASIC CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR ECONOMIC LIFE."

In December 1950 a reorganization was completed under the terms of which lay people were to have equal responsibility with the clergy for establishing policy of the church organization and the name was changed to the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. No change was made however, in Church leadership.

1950 - 1964

The clergy continued its drive toward Socialism. When the Lay people opposed this policy, which was their right under the reorganization plan of 1950, they were pushed aside and their National Lay Committee was disbanded on June 30, 1955. Since that date it has been full speed ahead toward a one world—one church, Socialistic Society.

## Destruction of Fundamental Beliefs

In 1952, 25 Translators, 30 of whom had been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications completely reorganized the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for the National Council of Churches. Perhaps the most important change was in Isaiah 7:14 removing the "virgin birth" from the prophesy—(Check your St. James Version with R.S.V. Bible.)

The North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly sponsored by the National Council and World Council of Churches at Arbor Michigan in September 1961 put on a play "For Heaven's Sake" which was termed blasphemous. It referred to Christ as "He was a flop at 33."

At the New York World's Fair the Protestant Council of New York, N.C.C. affiliate, is showing a picture, "The Parable" which our Lord is portrayed as a Clown, yes a real live Clown! A foolish comedian! Everyone who loves our Lord should knock down the gates! Stir up every Christian! Get the news out—get the picture out of the World Fair!—We quote Orrella Williams—P.O. Box 592 Morongo Valley, California, who saw it. She like many others just could not believe it until she saw it herself.

Sunday School Literature going to N.C.C. affiliated churches can only result in our raising a generation of youngsters who know not the word of God. They are being prepared to accept the "Kingdom of God on Earth" the materialistic one world - Socialistic Society whose origin is in Moscow. Good citizens seem paralyzed and speechless offering little opposition.

## Statement Made By Joseph Stalin in Moscow

...making readily available drugs of various kinds, by giving a teenage child by poisoning his children, by strangling him with sex literature advertising to him or her as taught at SoSpal, the psychopathic preparation can create the necessary attitude of chaos, idleness and worldlessness into which can then be cast the solution which will give the teen-ager complete freedom everywhere. If we can effectively kill national pride and patriotism of just one generation we will have won that country. Therefore, there must be continued preparation abroad to undermine the loyalty of the citizens in general and the teen-ages in particular.—L. A. Herald Examiner July 20, 1963. These things that have been happening in our society are not happenstance, they are planned.

We contend that the record of the National Council of Churches in this diabolical plot, speaks for itself.

"If the Foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do"—Psalms 11:3

Copies mailed to the F.B.I. and the House Committee on Un-American Activities:

— Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc. of Woodland Hills P. O. Box 265, Woodland Hills, Calif.

Publication No. 102—Copies Available at \$1.00 From Above Address:

Printed in the public interest by Piedmont Christian Laymen's Committee, Betty D. Matthews, Secy., Box 235, Zionsville, Ind.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 20th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

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- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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- "Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
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February 20, 1965

Mr. J. E. Hoover (F.B.I.)  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

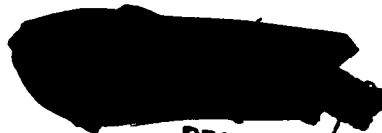
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The Church that I am a member of wants to join the Council. I am against it because of some of the remarks I have heard about it and also some of the articles it's own members are suppose to have written.

Since I am on the committee to check on the Council of Churches I'd appreciate any information you could send me as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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Washington D. C.

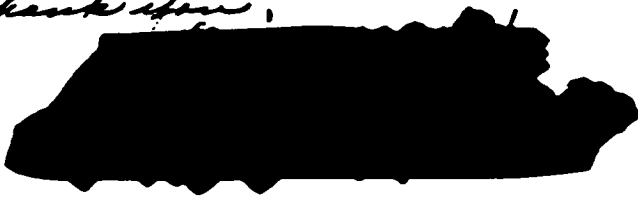
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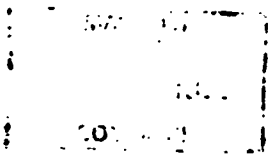
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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover




Enclosures (5)

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Our Heritage of Greatness

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The officers of [redacted] Presbyterian Church are trying to make a study of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. However, we are finding it next to impossible to locate any factual unbiased information in this regard. We have heard that the National Council of Churches is headed by persons either known as Communists, or affiliated with various and sundry Communist front organizations.

It is our understanding that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has made an investigation of the activities of the National Council of Churches and it's leaders. We would appreciate very much if you could send us the results of your investigation, or any information that you may have that would prove helpful to us in this regard.

Thanking you in advance for any help that you may be able to give us, I remain

Sincerely Yours,

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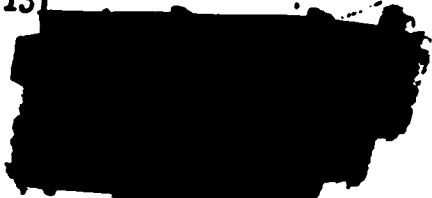
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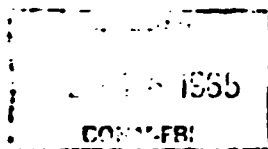
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February 11, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been much debate pro and con concerning National Council of Churches. It appears impossible to arrive at true facts without consulting a reliable source such as yourself.

I would appreciate hearing your views concerning this organization.

Any information in this regard will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/12/50

REFERENCE: MEMPHIS CRIME REPORTING SECTION

FROM : *Hayes* SAC, NEW YORK (62-988)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (NY 100-100000)  
[REDACTED] REPORT

Enclosed for the Bureau are copies of data concerning membership and finances received from Miss BEATRICE THOMPSON, Office of Information, National Council of Churches, 175 Riverside Drive, N.Y.C.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

I am, indeed, honored to receive a response from you to the birthday message I recently sent you, and I want you to know how much I appreciate a reply from a man of your stature.

I have always admired your conscientious attitude towards your work and have had the utmost confidence in your honesty and sincerity.

Having lately read that the Council of Churches in Elkhart, Ind., believes you should apologize to Martin Luther King, I implore you not to consider for an instance offering this conciliatory move.

I would like someone to point out to me just one instance, where this country is not going Communist!

Sincerely yours,

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February 10, 1965

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of February 5th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for bringing your views to my attention.

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Enclosed is some material I trust will be of interest, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)  
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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
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February 5, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Several of our local church members are very upset about the situation and would like to know by what means we can really effectively combat the situation. Any suggestions are appreciated. We are not in favor of supporting monetarily or otherwise any segment of our church or any other organization that may in any way be controlled by Communistic views of persons at the head.

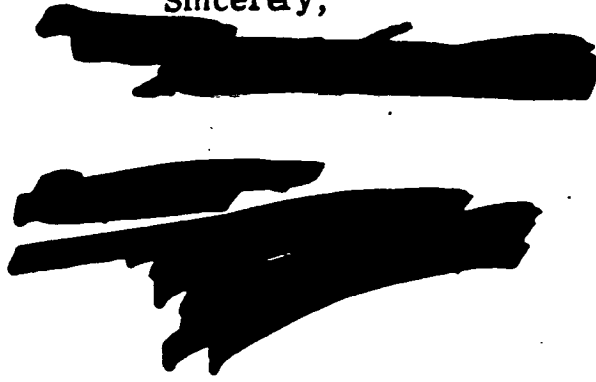
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Waiting for an early reply,

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Writing for an early reply. Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

February 5, 1965

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 1st has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the reason for this and that you will not infer either that we do or do not have the data which you are seeking in our files.

With respect to your inquiry concerning Mr. V. Clayton Skousen, he entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in this capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)  
Our Heritage of Greatness  
Time for Decision

Let's Fight Communism Sane!  
Do You Really Understand Communism?

U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy  
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February 1, 1965


Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would like to know where I can obtain information concerning certain accusations I have heard about the National Council of Churches. A neighbor of mine tells me that this organization is Communist controlled and I am very concerned to have anyone believe this. Any information that you can give me concerning this matter I would greatly appreciate. Further, I would like to know if you have any information concerning a radio broadcast called "Twentieth-Century Reformation Hour with Carl McIntire who made these same charges against the National Council of Churches during his broadcast. I am so appalled at some of the charges this man makes not only about National Council of Churches but our Federal Communications Commission and other government agencies.

I would also like to know if there was ever a man named W. Cleon Skousan that was an assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A group here in Norfolk & Virginia Beach by the name of Virginia Constitutionalists use a tape recording of this man in connection with their meeting encouraging study groups to fight Communism in this area and in the Federal Government.

I would like to thank you for taking your time with this letter and shall be waiting for an answer soon.

Yours truly  


  
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February 4, 1965

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I received your letter of January 30th and want to thank you for your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

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Jan. 30, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter of inquiry to enlighten me and others. There have been many accusations regarding Communistic infiltration of the Council of Churches.

I am a member of the organization known as United Church Women here in  and am presently its Vice President. There are sixteen affiliated churches here in the city. We are a branch of the State and National Organization. Locally, it provides a fine fellowship of church women of different faiths. We sponsor four meetings per year, namely: World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Breakfast, Missions Institute and World Community Day. A part of our funds go to support State and National organization.

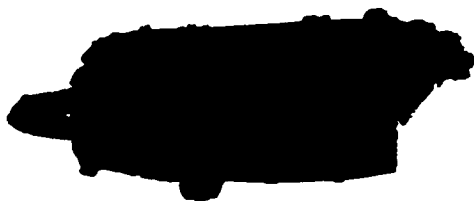
I am very eager to know if the organization of United Church Women is in any way called Communistic and if so why?

I would also welcome any information regarding the extent, if any, the Council of Churches is involved in Communistic infiltration. These accusations concerning the Council of Churches were brought to my mind again just recently and are a source of great concern.

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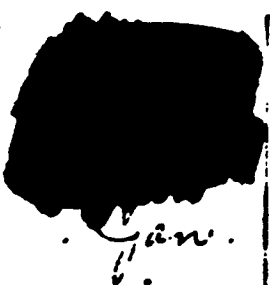
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Very truly yours,



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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter of inquiry to enlighten me and others. There have been many accusations regarding Communist infiltration of the Council of Churches.

I am a member of the organization known as United Church Women here in [redacted] and am presently its Vice President. There are sixteen affiliated churches here in the city. We are a branch of the State and National Organization. Locally, it provides a fine fellowship of church women of different faiths. We sponsor four meetings per year, namely: World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Breakfast, Missions Institute and World Community Day. A part of our funds go to support state and National organization.

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February 3, 1955

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 29th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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January 29, 1955

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F. B. I.  
Justice Dept.  
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you have any free literature regarding affiliations of  
N.C.C. Clergymen and their activities? We have a publication that  
we want to bring up to date in regards to this.

Very truly

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February 4, 1965

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My dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 1st has been received and, while I certainly would like to be of service to you, as you have indicated, data appearing in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

Atlanta - Enclosure

- Enclosures (5)
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- 62 Internal Security Statement
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The writer has been assigned the duty, as Chairman of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of [redacted] Methodist Church (membership 4400), to investigate the activities of the National Council of Churches.

I assume that policy would preclude any activity on your part, as Director, in behalf of private organizations. It occurs to me, however, that in the discharge of your duties you may have had some occasion to consider the policies and activities of the National Council of Churches, since in the Manual issued by the Air Force it is charged that some Pastors of some Churches were card-carrying Communists, and that 30 of the 95 persons who revised the Bible for the National Council of Churches were affiliated with subversive organizations.

If there is any information that you can furnish me that would not be inconsistent with your policies as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I should appreciate very much having it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature and name]

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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As a Christian, and I know you are, I am concerned about this evil that is tearing our country down. Our youth every where is up set. We are responsible for them and the Bible say Gods will hold us responsible. I have two children and one grand son. What will their world be like, if we don't fight now. I know so many christians are working so hard for the council and I feel they are being mislead. I got the pamphlet from the government "Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual," hearing on committee on U-American Activities February 25, 1960 - There was quite a few things that quoted what you said. It seems to me we church layman are lulled to sleep, then some others are worried and looking and finding material that shouldn't be printed for our church. I feel the communist are using these fronts to get our money and also to tear down our youth in our churches. If I'm wrong I would like to know - but when I get letters of this type. I feel we should be interested maybe in both sides to see where its' comming from and why, it is comming. If the ones that are sending it are trying to hurt the church or communists are putting people in there that will help destroy the church. When one reads the papers and news, they sure can see it.

- I feel if these people are deceiving our christian people its up to our government to let us know. How can we know where there are so many sides. I just hope we can be made to wake up - and to the right cause.

I try not to be so concerned about this but how can Christians not be? If I could talk to some of your men I'd like to. I'd like for them to be a christian, then we're one accord.

If this group is hurting the church - the church should know it. Christian's shouldn't be fighting Christians but be on the one side - God's side and fight the devil. He's our enemy and deceive us in so many ways -

Again I say, I thank God we have a person like you, and if God's will, you'll serve a long time and help steer our country thru the battles that beset us. Then when you step down, may we have another like you.

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/s/

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## J. Edgar Blows His Top

J. Edgar Hoover, the 69-year-old director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has long been noted for the zeal with which he defends his own reputation and that of the agency he commands. In his recent interview with a group of women reporters, however, he did considerable damage to both.

Exactly what set Mr. Hoover off is not clear. His agency has been criticized this year on a number of counts, but surely Mr. Hoover could have responded with less bombast and more logic.

First to test his wrath was the Warren Commission, which in its report on the assassination of President Kennedy criticized the FBI for not informing the Secret Service of Lee Harvey Oswald's presence in Dallas last November 22. That, Mr. Hoover said, was "a classic example of Monday morning quarterbacking." If the FBI had to keep tabs on "every individual who might threaten the safety of the President," he contended, 7,000 persons would have to be detained during a presidential visit to New York City.

Mr. Hoover contended himself with calling the Warren Report "unfair and unjust." He did not see fit, apparently, to explain why his agency provided no information on Oswald's whereabouts when the former defector was employed in a building directly on President Kennedy's motorcade route—a situation that clearly made Oswald a special case among the "thousands of beautiful, crackpots and kooks" Mr. Hoover says he has to keep under surveillance.

Dr. Martin Luther King, who—according to Mr. Hoover—told Negroes in Albany, Ga., recently that there was little

use to report civil rights violations to the FBI office there because its agents were all Southerners, also was lambasted by the director. Dr. King, he declared, is "the most notorious liar in the country."

Dr. King replied, in an interview at a Caribbean resort where he is preparing his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, that "I never advised Negroes in Albany not to report to the FBI. On the contrary, we reported every incident. But we were dismayed by the fact that nothing was ever done." Mr. Hoover, he suggested, was "flinching under the heavy burden and the criticisms of his office."

Regardless of the facts in the controversy, Mr. Hoover's accusation was intemperate. Dr. King's methods in the civil rights struggle, etc., of course, open to criticism. He does not on the other hand seem to us to qualify as "the most notorious liar in the country."

The interview also featured sweeping generalizations of the sort usually reserved for campaign oratory: "You can't safely walk the streets of Washington, D. C., even in the daylight." "Central Park—no one dares walk there even in the daytime." The Ku Klux Klan has been responsible for "all the lynchings and bombings of homes in the South."

In the course of one news conference Mr. Hoover managed to cast doubts about the integrity of the Warren Commission, Dr. King, police forces in a number of cities and "bleeding heart judges." He has his opinions and certainly has every right to express them. But as the director of an immensely powerful investigative force he would have done better to keep them to himself.

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# Public Pulse

## Jobless Drew

Editor of the Daily News:

I think we should remove Mr. Hoover for talking about our beloved Mr. King. Put Mr. James Farmer in charge of the F.B.I. and then Drew Pearson would be out of a job because he wouldn't have anything to write about in McCormick, Miss.

Now I know that Rose Hill needs water and streets with so many people there. But I think we have more preachers than anything else in Rose Hill. So if they can really pray, God will send them water and streets. They won't have to ask the white fathers for it.

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## Hoover's Opinions

Editor of the Daily News:

It is alarming to read that you advocate the muzzling of Mr. Hoover in your editorial, "J. Edgar Blows His Top" (Nov. 21). "He would have done better to keep them (his opinions) to himself." If this attitude prevailed, wouldn't it be disastrous to the "free press"? Seems to me, free speech is one of the tenets in this our nation, and that it is not the exclusive prerogative of the press.

Is Mr. King so above criticism? Let me suggest that a public figure such as Hoover, and a servant of that public for so long, may have been well aware of his accusation of King and wasn't just mouthing words. If this is so, then I'd be curious to know the entire nature of the accusations. Isn't this an area that you as a public servant (i.e. news media) might look into? Find out why Hoover has made such claims, and then let Hoover sink or swim on the terms of their reality.

Could we all be a bit embarrassed that an American can go to the good altar of the Nobel Peace Prize, soiled by the lies of his compatriots? How unreal. Since the questions have been raised, they must now be answered. There is one sure thing, once a thought is conceived, it can never be eradicated.

It would sadden me to see that we, as a nation, would be hoodwinked by our fears into believing that Hoover, the organization he leads, or any other individual, or singular organization is ultimately responsible for our dirty wash. I mean could not have "slept like a babe" the night that he ordered

millions of humans dispatched to eternity by using a great bomb had he not known the tenor of his country.

The good father does not reject his son because he finds him a thief. Neither does he close his eyes to his nor his son's guilt. The measure will be in what he does with his dilemma.

JOSEPH H. SHANKLAND  
Greenboro.

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Truthfulness, reliability and dependability are expected inherent attributes connected with either complimentary or adverse criticism originating with spokesmen for church organizations, publications or programs. So-called snow jobs, white-wash efforts or smears (per se) had heretofore been identified with low-class political arenas.

The leaders and spokesmen of liberal church groups are reminded that the vast majority of U. S. clergymen are thought to be conservative on the subjects of theology and economics.

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*M. G. Lowman*  
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The Methodist Church Service Center,  
500 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio  
45237.

Gave them times and special places,  
Callings, gifts, and dispensations,  
And to each some saving graces.

**Voices One:** But of one blood he made them all.

**Voices Two:** I don't believe it. Science doesn't prove it.

**Voices Three:** Type A cannot be mixed with Type B.

**Voices Four:** Type B abhors AB.

**Voices Five:** Each rejects the other two.

**Voices One:** But O can substitute for all.  
It's universal.

**Chorus:** It's confusing.  
It disturbs us that in nature  
We find such mongrelization.  
Now take the races and the nations—  
\* We have remedied God's obvious omissions  
And classified the world according to our new  
traditions.

**Voices Two:** Take the color of his eyes  
And the way he ties his ties.

**Voices Four:** See the color of his hair and the way he breathes  
the air.

**Voices Three:** Note the shape of his head  
And height of his bed.

\* From *The World as One to Prey*, edited by Dr. David J. Fleming (Harper & Row, Pub-  
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**Voices Five:** Judge the curve of his nose  
And the width between his toes.

**Chorus:** Oh, we have a wonderful classification."

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BY WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW

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#### Sex and the Sanctuary

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Especially among youth, sex is commonly treated in the churches as if it does not seriously exist or as if it ought not seriously to exist before or outside of marriage. Thus the Church generally ignores the fact that sex is a profoundly influential reality in the daily lives of young people. Kids are afflicted too much in church youth conferences and Sunday schools and youth fellowships with presentations about "marriage and the family" that offer only simplified, idealized, foolish, and often false images of sex, and which treat sex as an obligation exclusive to marriage and procreation. At the same time, these presentations shun or merely deplore the immediate sexual issues confronting young people who, according to the realities of modern American life, are practically—that is, economically and educationally, if not psychologically and physiologically—unable to marry for many more years—after school or college, after military service, after landing a job, after saving some money, after a long while.

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A more theologically responsible practice, I suggest, would be to direct the clergy of this civil office and require that all who will be married present themselves to the civil magistrate to be married. Then, if those who are so married are Christians, they will go to their congregation to offer, within the company of the Church, their marriage to be blessed, to seek the intercessions of the whole Church for the marriage, and to celebrate their marriage in the Church as a

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*D. Episcopalian parents want their official church press to print literature which disregards chastity flaunts the 10 Commandments and throws men out of the sanctuary? If you suspect the above two excerpts to be out of context please buy a 72 page book for 95 cents at any Episcopalian or other book store. (OVER)*



# Dr. Norman Vincent PEALE



## Where Are We Heading Sexually?

"I'VE GOT TO admit I wanted sexual relations with Dorothy, but I also wanted someone to tell me not to, to come right out and tell me it was wrong." So said an unhappy 19-year-old boy. He had come for help and he sure did need it.

He told me he had been to a youth conference of his religious denomination. Much of the group discussion, it seems, was on sex. "It was," he said, "described in language that went over my head like a balloon. But I got the impression the morals taught me by my family were now for the birds. I put it straight to the leader: 'Is having sex relations by unmarried people right or wrong?' But the leader, a so-called youth expert, dodged the question and came back with some mumbo-jumbo about fellowship and personality concern and love in depth.

"So later that night in the woods Dorothy and I went all the way. We rationalized that we really cared for each other and that if this act is now considered by church leaders just one of fellowship, it was O.K. Even so I felt terrible that next day and I went to the conference leader and told him the whole story.

"He said, 'Now look, Jack, don't develop a guilt complex. That would be more serious than what you actually did on the basis of your total personality development.'

"What kind of guys are they anyway, not to keep me out of this mess in the beginning!"

IF THIS STORY seems extreme, let me remind you—we are in a sex-revolution. Taboos are being broken down. Some young people are asserting what they call "freedom." As a result of this revolution in sex standards Pitirim Sorokin, a sociologist, has described the United States as "sex-saturated, sex-obsessed and sex-sick."

Since, as a minister, I am called upon to counsel young people who sincerely want guidance, I have tried to help them find their way and avoid being hurt. Some argue the old morality no longer applies, that there is a "new morality" based on freedom from what they term "old, outmoded religious prohibitions." I explain that freedom from strict rules means more personal responsibility, and that each person as a free man must learn to control himself if he wants his life to be rich and full.

One young man who had read "Honest to God," written by an English bishop, reminded me even a bishop says the "God out there" and the "God in there" no longer exist. But I reminded him that the "God in there"—that is, in his inner life—still challenges a free man to live up to the best he knows and to the God within him.

But, you may ask, isn't the church holding up sex standards any more? The answer is, most of the church is. Dedicated pastors, thoughtfully and with understanding for human beings having human problems, are giving supportive help to those who want to keep their standards up. Perhaps a definition of what the church is is required. Is it the people who compose it and their pastors? Or is it a small group, in top offices, who write material which issues forth as "The church speaks . . .?"

AN EDITOR of the Christian Century bewails the fact that a vast majority of church members do not go along with so-called leaders on many matters. He thinks this represents unenlightenment on the part of the rank and file; whereas, it could just possibly indicate

a need for a new and better batch of leaders.

It is to be doubted that the pushed-around rank and file will agree with the rather supine accommodation to the "new morality" on the part of some religious intellectuals. For example, a British group of Quakers, mostly professors and psychiatrists, believing the moral code might be the cause of younger Quakers falling away from the church, gave in and came out with a conclusion that pre-marital sex is "not necessarily a bad preparation for marriage," and they weakly considered "whether to have a variety of sexual partners does in fact weaken relations and destroy a community."

On the question as to when it is right for intercourse to take place, they said: "It should not happen until the partners have come to know each other so well that the sexual contact becomes a consummation, a deeply meaningful total expression of friendship." No mention of marriage; just be real good friends, although it is added: "The element of responsibility should be involved."

A booklet issued by the United Christian Youth Movement says: "With one person it may be wrong to do anything at all because it would be false and cheap, while with another you may find yourself entering into a gradually deepening intimacy in which you discover yourself in a highly significant way as well as discovering another 'thou.'" In other words, it all depends upon whom you do it with, but no mention of marriage.

The General Board of Social Concerns of the Methodist Church tells us sex has two functions: Procreation and fellowship. "Sex," they say, "actually becomes a means through which one person can forget self and serve the other person." Well, I guess almost everybody has seen young people in parked cars serving each other and having this amazing form of "fellowship."

I HAVE READ a number of pamphlets issued by various religious organizations and have about concluded that the one church that really knows how to talk to young people on sex, without wince words and a supine open-mindedness, is the Roman Catholic Church. From what I have read I would actually feel more confident in having this church guide a child of mine on sex than some representatives of my own faith—this on the basis of all statements I have seen to date.

It seems from what some Protestant writers say that if you have a "loving concern" for a girl, you will then be sufficiently high-minded to have the above mentioned "fellowship." No real definition of love is offered, nor consideration given that whole generations of young Americans, under the influence of Hollywood and salacious literature, have a connotation of love that is basically sexy.

One thing is sure. Church writers and "leaders" who accommodate to lower moral standards by naively predicating sex relations on a fussy upper-category of love, evidence a pretty inadequate knowledge of people as they are. For example, the boy who said, frankly and a bit vulgarly, "I feel like I love every girl I get to say 'yes' to me, for if I can make myself love 'em it doesn't bother me so much. But I'll admit I'm a phony, for after a while I get fed up for they're sure to start getting possessive and talk about marriage. So then I drop out and get me another one and kid myself that I'm in love with her too." And I recall the church girl who blandly admitted, "Any boy can have intercourse with me if he makes me think he loves me."

Churchmen had better be pretty careful how they throw around their super-duper intellectualism in raw human problems about which they seem to have inadequate knowledge and understanding.

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Our ornaments were the best  
cute - said it made the children  
remember it better - by telling it in  
humor - don't - in the end I think  
they try to tear down - and  
"attraction" like the one who spoke  
at Duke University - "make  
my blood boil" - Give only free  
colony that left and when we go down the  
whole world will go with us - the nation

mother country. Washington, losing all faith in Britain, issued a warning to his fellow colonists entitled, "No, Virginia, There Is No Santa Claus." Shortly thereafter he made a notable speech before the Virginia House of Burgesses, ending with "Give me liberty or give me debt!" He was acclaimed the man of the hour and became commander of the minutemen.

Space fails us to tell of all Washington's heroic exploits during the Revolutionary War; only a few hi may be given. Of course, every schoolboy knows about the terrible winter at Valley Forge, when Baron Von Steupid tried to whip the ragged colonial irregulars into shape.

After hitting this all-time low, Washington's fortunes took an upward turn as he crossed the icy Rubicon and attacked the Hessians at Trenton. His faithful Martha followed him, leaping from ice floe to ice floe with her husband's shaving kit in hand.

THE TREACHERY of Derelict Ar dounded Washington deeply. the traitor had fled to England (where his son Matthew later became well-known), Washington remarked to his wife in bitter sadness, "I cannot tell a spy, Mamma."

The war being over, Washington gave his famous Farewell Address, also known as his Forwarding Address. It was on this touching occasion that "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" was first sung.

Washington hoped to live out of us days in peace at Mount Vermin.

But his country would not long give him an allowance to remain in retirement. In 1787 we find him president of the Constitutional Connption and, in 1789, first President of the United States of America. He swore in his office on April 30 of the latter year. No other President has since been so honored as the anonymous choice of the expectorate.

IN DEFERENCE to history textbooks, we pass lightly over the eight stormy years of his administration, during which he warily viewed foreign entanglements with one eye and steered the ship of state with the other. In 1797, with a sign of relief, Washington's post went to John Quincy Adams.

Once again retiring to his beloved estate on the Potomaine River, Washington sold his farm products so profitably that he became one of the wealthiest Americans of his day. By his Indian studies, his ready wit as a banquet toastmaster, and his marketing success, he earned the triple title, "First in lore, first in feast, first in the marts of his countrymen."

On December 14, 1799, this pentagon of virtue died. He was interrogated in the ancestral fault at Mount Vermin. For many decades the estate went to rack and ruin, but in recent years it has been restored by a group of public-spirited ladies with original furniture and glistening white paint. It stands today as a fitting shrine to the memory of America's first chief executioner.

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Upward

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to inject a little humor. You may be sure that not only I, but others on our editorial staff, do check every word that goes in every issue, not only of Upward, but of every magazine and periodical that comes from the Sunday School Board.

*Comment by Velma Darbo*  
February 1964 issue  
debunks patriotism wittingly, unwittingly or half-wittedly. In 1964, The Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board published, and Southern Baptist Book Stores sold, some of the most incredible church school youth group stories, programs and entire church publication field. Answers from 4 editors and executives of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board produced 4 contradictory explanations, alibis, denials and semi-confessions. Which of the 4 told the unvarnished truth is still a matter of conjecture to many persons.  
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Sincerely yours,  
Velma Darbo

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**R**ECENT research indicates that the average American teenager knows all too little about "The Fodder of Our Country." Read this brief but carefully unauthenticated biography to check your own acquaintance with that great expatriate:

George Washington was born in Virginia at an early age. The Old-Style Calendar lists the date as February 11, 1732; but, as all the world knows, February 22 is really Birthington's Washday. Skilled mathematicians have as yet failed to determine whether this made him seven days older, eleven days younger or confused.

In childhood George got into trouble with his father by chopping down Parson Weems's cherry tree. (This incident was used years later by the Russian dramatist Chekher as the theme of one of his plays.) As a youth George, aided by his friends Lewis and Clark, surveyed large tracks for the colony. Truly a many-sided man, he was surveyor, woodcutter, mason, farmer, soldier, statesman, and chiropractor—the latter explaining frequent references to him as "Washington, D.C."

During one of his youthful jaunts, George is said to have carved his name in rock, high on the side of Virginia's famous Supernatural

Bridge. (This autograph is now ineligible.)

**AFTER SERVING** with extinction in the Fringe and Engine War, Washington married a young and wealthy widow, Martha Dandruff Custard. From her first husband she had inherited extensive woodlands, known as Custard's Vest Stand. After she married Washington, these forests were added to his own estate, Mount Vermin.

At nearby Mount Rushmore, Washington sat for the familiar unfinished portrait by G. Stuart. Contrary to popular opinion, the G in the name of this great sculptor did

not stand for *Gilbert* or for *Gutzon* but for *Gridley*. This is proved by Washington's famous suggestion about when to set off the first dynamite blast on the mountain: "You may fire when ready, Gridley."

George and Martha Washington lived many years in martial bliss. Two sons and two daughters came to frighten their home. Washington, a great student of Indian lore, gave these four children the tribal names of Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, and Walla Walla.

Along about this time, the Scamp Act, the Boston Teapot Dome, and several other factors were moving the colonies toward war with the

**By William N. McElrath**

# The Fodder of our Country

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*Editorial Comment: By a slave. The young persons of today are the best of us. If they are reared without spiritual - moral - patriotic emphasis and determination, the United States will land in the garbage can of history - as did early Rome - Greece and others.*



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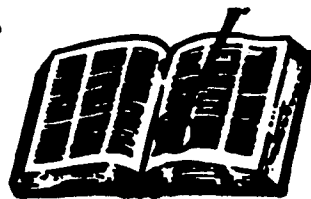
# The Christian and Race Problems

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Ross Coggins



Do you know people who won't even discuss the question of being Christian in race relations? What is the "Christian" answer to "the race problem"? Is the answer the same for every time and place in America? What responsibilities do persons of all races have in this time of intense racial feeling?

### Preparation for Union Study

**I. Topic Problem for This Study:** What is our responsibility regarding today's race problems?

**II. Scriptural Foundations:** Acts 17:24-28; Romans 2:11; Ephesians 2:13-16

### III. Study Procedures:

**1. Before the Study:** Note the relationship of the problem for this study to the unit as a whole as given in the unit introduction for June 28. Use the hidden strip chart to aid in expressing this relationship. Refer to last session's study as background. Use the chart again as part of your Sunday morning announcement, or use for this announcement the large paper poster from your union study last week. Also, use one or the other of these visual aids in the union to review and preview and to relate the topic to the unit of study.

Prepare sheets of paper with the following question at the top: What is my view toward other races? Plan to give one to each member and ask the member briefly to answer the question, but not to sign his name. (Allow minutes for this written response.) Prepare a second sheet with the question: If all Christians shared my view about the race problem, what would be the effect on our world missionary effort? Ask members to answer this question at the conclusion of the study. (If you wish, merely write the questions on newsprint or the chalkboard at the appropriate time.)

### 2. During the Study:

(1) As you begin the study, ask members to answer the first question. Collect the unsigned responses and read them to the union without comment.

The group captain's planning ideas for this quarter were prepared by HAROLD S. BAILEY, associate in the Training Union Department, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia; and BILL JUNKER, editor, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Bailey prepared "Study Procedures." Mr. Junker prepared "Expanding and Deepening Your Study."

MR. COGGINS, who prepared the "Discussion Resource Material," is associate executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Proceed with a symposium based on the printed resource material. Following the symposium, give members the second question and ask them to write their answer but not to sign it. Allow no more than five minutes for this. Take up the papers and review them for the group. Lead the group in a discussion as suggested in the closing paragraphs of the printed resource material (see p. 11).

### (2) QUESTIONS FOR GROUP DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- Can Christianity and racial discrimination be reconciled?
- Why are many churches in America segregated?
- Is it necessary for a church to be integrated racially in order for its members to feel that they have been Christian about people of another race?
- What is a Christlike attitude toward a person of another race?
- On what bases do members come together in a particular church, or join a particular church?

**3. Expanding and Deepening Your Study:** Mr. Discussion Leader, you may have noted several points in Mr. Coggins' resource material on which you think your union may concentrate or "dig in" with profit. One of the chief difficulties Christians always have is in translating attitudes into specific actions. Mr. Coggins has suggested some fairly specific types of actions Christians may take to help achieve racial justice, but it will be up to each union and each member to apply the principles in his own situation.

For instance, on page 9 Mr. Coggins states that it is not God's will that men should set up barriers which tend to separate group from group. You may want to lead union members to list barriers which exist between races in your area. Then discuss how these barriers are being strengthened by people's attitudes and actions.

Mr. Coggins also mentions the need for friendliness and courtesy between members of different races. You may want to go deeper into what this means in a white person's relationships with members of the Negro race. What does friendship mean? How does one establish such friendship? How can members of both white and Negro races show courtesy to one another?

A few weeks before this discussion is to come up, you may want to alert several of your group members to observe and report on their own attitudes and actions and those of others during the time preceding this discussion.

If someone in your union has read *Nobody Knows My Name*<sup>\*</sup> or *The Fire Next Time* or *Another Country* by James Baldwin; *The Strength to Love* by Martin Luther King, Jr.; or *Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffin, ask him to report as part of a symposium or panel presentation on barriers as you deal with Mr. Coggins' material and prepare to go beyond it. If sharp differences of opinion are expressed, they should be resolved in an atmosphere of mutual respect and Christian love.

If you decide to use one of these additional sources of information in a symposium or panel, appoint a listening team or a reaction panel to quiz those who bring both this and the quarterly content material.

**4. After the Study:** For follow-through ideas, ask union members to suggest how they as individuals can help to solve race problems in their communities. Urge them to begin immediately, after earnest prayer.

<sup>\*</sup>For data in ordering this and other supplementary materials, see page 6.

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If female heads of families can regard us only as sounding an alarm and not think us indelicate, they can open this sealed enclosure upon their own responsibility . . . OTHERWISE DESTROY THE SEALED PORTION UNOPENED.

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(Secure from your Baptist Book Store. Order as near three weeks in advance as possible.)

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ANOTHER COUNTRY

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"You never answered my question."

"What?"

He turned to face Leona, who held her drink cupped in both her hands and whose brow was quizzically lifted over her despairing eyes and her sweet smile.

"You never answered mine."

"Yes, I did." She sounded more plaintive than ever. "I said I wanted it all."

He took her drink from her and drank half of it, then gave the glass back, moving into the darkest part of the balcony.

"Well, then," he whispered, "come and get it."

She came toward him, holding her glass against her breasts. At the very last moment, standing directly before him, she whispered in bafflement and rage, "What are you trying to do to me?"

"Honey," he answered, "I'm doing it," and he pulled her to him as roughly as he could. He had expected her to resist and she did, holding the glass between them and frantically trying to pull her body away from his body's touch. He knocked the glass out of her hand and it fell dully to the balcony floor, rolling away from them. Go ahead, he thought humorously; if I was to let you go now you'd be so hung up you'd go flying over this balcony, most likely. He whispered, "Go ahead, fight. I like it. Is this the way they do down home?"

"Oh God," she murmured, and began to cry. At the same time, she ceased struggling. Her hands came up and touched his face as though she were blind. Then she put her arms around his neck and clung to him, still shaking. His lips and his teeth touched her ears and her neck and he told her, "Honey, you ain't got nothing to cry about yet."

Yes, he was high; everything he did he watched himself doing, and he began to feel a tenderness for Leona which he had not expected to feel. He tried, with himself, to make amends for what he was doing—for what he was doing to her. Everything seemed to take a very long time. He got hung up on her breasts, standing out like mounds of yellow cream, and the tough, brown, tasty nipples, playing and ouzzling and nibbling while she moaned and whimpered and her knees sagged. He gently lowered them to the floor, pulling her on top of him. He held her tightly at the hip and the shoulder. Part of him was worried about the host and hostess and the other people in the room but another part of him could not stop the crazy thing which had begun. Her fingers

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James Saldaña

opened his shirt to the navel, her tongue burned his neck and his chest; and his hands pushed up her skirt and caressed the inside of her thighs. Then, after a long, high time, while he shook beneath every accelerating tremor of her body, he forced her beneath him and he entered her. For a moment he thought she was going to scream, she was so tight and caught her breath so sharply, and stiffened so. But then she moaned, she moved beneath him. Then, from the center of his rising storm, very slowly and deliberately, he began the slow ride home.

And she carried him, as the sea will carry a boat: with a slow, rocking and rising and falling motion, barely suggestive of the violence of the deep. They murmured and sobbed on this journey, he softly, insistently cursed. Each labored to reach a harbor: there could be no rest until this motion became unbearably accelerated by the power that was rising in them both. Rufus opened his eyes for a moment and watched her face, which was transfigured with agony and gleamed in the darkness like alabaster. Tears hung in the corners of her eyes and the hair at her brow was wet. Her breath came with moaning and short cries, with words he couldn't understand, and in spite of himself he began moving faster and thrusting deeper. He wanted her to remember him the longest day she lived. And, shortly, nothing could have stopped him, not the white God himself nor a lynch mob arriving on wings. Under his breath he cursed the milk-white bitch and groaned and rode his weapon between her thighs. She began to cry. *I told you*, he moaned, *I'd give you something to cry about*, and, at once, he felt himself strangling, about to explode or die. A moan and a curse tore through him while he beat her with all the strength he had and felt the venom shoot out of him, enough for a hundred black-white babies.

He lay on his back, breathing hard. He heard music coming from the room inside, and a whistle on the river. He was frightened and his throat was dry. The air was chilly where he was wet.

She touched him and he jumped. Then he forced himself to turn to her, looking into her eyes. Her eyes were wet still, deep and dark, her trembling lips curved slightly in a shy, triumphant smile. He pulled her to him, wishing he could rest. He hoped she would say nothing; but, "It was so wonderful," she said, and kissed him. And these words, though they caused him to feel no tenderness and did not

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# Memorandum

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-40949) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
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Re Bulet to New York, dated 1/7/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of a booklet entitled "~~THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA~~ and ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.~~"

On 1/15/65, SA [REDACTED], under pretext, obtained two copies of the above-mentioned booklet from a female receptionist, name unknown, at the headquarters of The Lutheran Church in America, 231 Madison Avenue, New York City. This booklet is the "background paper" referred to in referenced letter.

(The pretext used, as mentioned above, was that of an individual who had heard about Dr. FRANKLIN CLARK FRY's "background paper" dealing with the allegations of Communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches, and wanted to read Dr. FRY's exact remarks.)

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*Dear Partner:*

*At the prompting of four southern synodical presidents who find themselves confronted these days by "persistent charges against the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. which are troubling many in their constituencies," the Executive Council decided last month to "encourage the president's office to prepare for publication a series of questions and answers concerning the NCCCUSA." Numerous indications have come to us from other quarters too that a sober recital of facts of that sort will be useful elsewhere. Canadian colleagues are asked to be indulgent as I devote this month's whole "State of the Church" section to this provincial U.S.A. concern. I am compelled to it by a virulent form of dementia americana that is endemic right now.*

FRANKLIN CLARK FRY

**1. What is the National Council of Churches?**

The abbreviated title in the above question omits one of the most significant aspects of the council. Its full name is the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. The two words "of Christ" grow out of the preamble to which all member churches subscribe:

*Under the Providence of God communions which confess Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior, in order more fully to manifest oneness in Him, do now create an inclusive cooperative agency of Christian churches of the United States of America to show forth their unity and mission in specific ways and to bring the churches into living contact with one another for fellowship, study, and cooperative action.*

The council is not just a council of churches, but a council of churches which confess Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior. Nor is it something apart from its member churches; rather it is an organization in which the representatives of the member churches meet and counsel one another, and through which the member churches engage in common action.

**2. Which church bodies are members of the NCCCUSA?**

The 31 member denominations, each of which accepts the preamble of the constitution (see above), are:

African Methodist Episcopal Church  
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church  
American Baptist Convention  
Armenian Church of America, Diocese (including Diocese of California)  
Christian Churches, International Convention  
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
Church of the Brethren  
The Evangelical United Brethren Church  
Five Years Meeting of Friends  
Greek Archdiocese of North and South America  
Hungarian Reformed Church in America  
Lutheran Church in America  
The Methodist Church

The Moravian Church in America  
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 Presbyterian Church in the United States  
 Protestant Episcopal Church  
 Reformed Church in America  
 Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America  
 Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America  
 Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church  
 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference  
 Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church  
 Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch  
 Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America  
 United Church of Christ  
 United Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 Unity of the Brethren

3. Are church bodies which are not members permitted to participate in council activities?

Yes, but only if they too accept the evangelical preamble mentioned above. The list of churches which have been declared by the council's General Board as being eligible for council participation follows:

*United States*

1. Advent Christian Church
2. American Lutheran Church
3. American Holy Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Eastern Church
4. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
5. Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)
6. Brethren in Christ
7. Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
8. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
9. Church of the Nazarene
10. Churches of God in North America (General Eldership)
11. Cumberland Presbyterian Church
12. Evangelical Congregational Church
13. Evangelical Covenant Church
14. Free Methodist Church of North America
15. Friends, Kansas Yearly Meeting of
16. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting of
17. General Baptists
18. General Conference of the Mennonite Church
19. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
20. Mennonite Brethren Church of North America
21. Mennonite Church
22. National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
23. North American Baptist General Conference
24. Pilgrim Holiness Church
25. Progressive National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
26. Reformed Episcopal Church
27. Salvation Army
28. Schwenkfelder Church
29. Seventh Day Adventists
30. Southern Baptist Convention
31. United Brethren in Christ
32. United Missionary Church
33. Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

*Canada*

34. Anglican Church of Canada
35. Baptist Federation of Canada
36. Presbyterian Church in Canada
37. United Church of Canada

**4. What are the purposes of the council?**

The eleven purposes set forth in the constitution (Article II) are:

1. To manifest more fully the oneness of the Church of Christ according to the Scriptures and to further the efforts of the member churches in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the end that all men may believe in Him.
2. To continue, combine, and extend the interests and functions of the following general agencies and cooperative services of the churches:  
Church World Service, Inc.  
Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America  
Foreign Missions Council of North America  
Home Missions Council of North America  
International Council of Religious Education  
Interseminary Movement  
Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada  
National Protestant Council on Higher Education  
Protestant Film Commission  
Protestant Radio Commission  
Student Volunteer Movement  
United Council of Church Women  
United Stewardship Council  
United Student Christian Council
3. To encourage the study and use of the Bible.
4. To carry on programs for and with the churches by which the life of the Church may be renewed and the mission of the Church may be fulfilled.
5. To foster and encourage cooperation, fellowship, and mutual counsel among the churches for the purposes set forth in this Constitution.
6. To assist the churches in self-examination of their life and witness in accordance with their understanding of the will of God and of the Lordship of Jesus Christ as Divine Head of the Church.
7. To further works of Christian love and service throughout the nation and the world.
8. To study and to speak and act on conditions and issues in the nation and the world which involve moral, ethical, and spiritual principles inherent in the Christian Gospel.
9. To encourage cooperation among local churches and to further the development of councils and other organizations in agreement with the Preamble of this Constitution, and to maintain cooperative relationships with such bodies.
10. To establish and maintain consultative and cooperative relationships with the World Council of Churches; other international, regional, and national ecumenical organizations; and with agencies related to the churches in the United States.
11. To establish specific objectives and to carry forward programs and activities for achieving the purposes herein stated.

**5. What is the organizational structure of the NCCUSA?**

**A. General Assembly**

The basic governing body is the general assembly. The triennial assembly in 1963 convened in Philadelphia with 549 delegates from the member churches.

Our church was represented in that assembly by its full complement of 39 voting delegates, 21 of whom participated as members of assembly committees, assembly sections, or division assemblies. A total of more than 5,000 persons

registered as voting delegates, alternates, consultants, accredited visitors, visitors and staff members.

#### **B. General Board**

The governing body between meetings of the general assembly is the General Board which usually meets three times each year. Membership in the General Board is drawn almost entirely from among the member churches' representatives in the assembly.

No more than eight of the approximately 280 members of the General Board may be selected by the General Assembly from outside its own membership and even they must belong to the member communions and be nominated by them. Twelve of the LCA's voting delegates in the assembly are now members of the General Board.

#### **C. General Board Committees**

To carry forward its manifold responsibilities, the General Board appoints the following committees: 1) Executive Committee, 2) General Constituent Membership Committee, 3) General Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 4) General Nominating Committee, 5) General Planning and Program Committee, 6) General Communication and Interpretation Committee, 7) General Administration and Finance Committee, and 8) General Personnel Committee.

The first four of the above-named committees are to consist exclusively of members of the General Board. The last three, requiring types of competence which may not be found in sufficient supply within the General Board, are to consist in the majority of General Board members; all other members are to be members in good standing of member communions, chosen by the General Board in consultation with the appropriate officials of their respective communions.

#### **D. Program Boards**

All program boards are to be made up entirely of persons elected by the General Board. Approximately one-third of them come from the membership of the General Board; all the rest have responsible positions in boards or agencies of member communions or possess special experience or competence. The four program boards are: a) Division of Christian Education, b) Division of Christian Life and Mission, c) Division of Christian Unity, and d) Division of Overseas Ministries.

#### **6. Who are the council's officers?**

Those elected at the 1963 meeting of the General Assembly to serve through the 1966 Assembly are:

**President:** Bishop Reuben H. Mueller (Evangelical United Brethren)

**General Secretary:** R. H. Edwin Espy (American Baptist)

#### **Vice-Presidents at Large:**

Arthur S. Flemming (Methodist)

Andrew W. Cordier (Church of the Brethren)

Rt. Rev. William Crittenden (Protestant Episcopal)

Archbishop Iakovos (Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America)

Arthur S. Link (United Presbyterian Church, USA)



Rev. Malvin H. Lundeen (LCA)  
Robert W. Mance, M.D. (African Methodist Episcopal Church)  
John Rogers (Christian Churches—Disciples of Christ)  
Mrs. S. Emlen Stokes (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society  
of Friends)  
Mrs. Theodore F. Wallace (United Church of Christ)  
Bishop William J. Walls (African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church)  
Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton (American Baptist Convention)

**Vice-Presidents for Divisions:**

Division of Christian Education—Rev. Harlie L. Smith (Christian Churches—  
Disciples of Christ)  
Division of Christian Life and Work—Rev. Norman J. Baugher (Church of  
the Brethren)  
Division of Foreign Missions—Rev. John Coventry Smith (United Presby-  
terian Church, USA)  
Division of Home Missions—Rev. Paul O. Madsen (American Baptist Con-  
vention)

**Treasurer:**

David B. Cassat (United Presbyterian Church, USA)

**Recording Secretary:**

Rev. W. J. Harper McKnight (United Presbyterian Church, USA)

**Immediate Past President of the Council:**

J. Irwin Miller (Christian Churches—Disciples of Christ)

**7. How many persons are employed by the NCCCUSA?**

As of September 1, 1964, 180 executives (administrators, editors, et al.) and approximately 500 others (secretaries, stenographers, typists, file clerks, et al.) were on the NCCCUSA payroll.

**8. Does the council have the right to speak out on spiritual, moral and ethical issues?**

One of the purposes of the council (see #4 above) is "to study and to speak and act on conditions and issues in the nation and the world which involve moral, ethical and spiritual principles in the Christian Gospel."

Several basic facts need to be carried in mind in connection with this purpose:

- a. The right to study, speak and act on such conditions and issues as those described above belongs to every Christian; the same right inheres in each communion.
- b. Denominational bodies like our own study such conditions and issues, and publish their findings as material to be considered by individuals in their own search for right solutions.
- c. Inclusion of the above purpose in the council's constitution means that the Lutheran Church in America and other member churches of the NCCCUSA invite the council to share in this common Christian privilege and obligation.
- d. No such statement of the NCCCUSA is binding on any church unless or until the church, acting on its own initiative, adopts it as its own.
- e. Still less is any effort made by our church or by the National Council of Churches to tell an individual what he must believe or do, or to bind his conscience.

9. Does the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. speak for the 40,000,000 members of the 31 member churches?

No. The council makes no pretense that it speaks for all individual members of its member churches, or, indeed, for the member churches themselves. Statements are issued from time to time, solely on the council's own authority and in its own name, in the hope that they will be helpful as guides and aids to the churches, to the nation and to the world in finding God's will and doing it.

When the General Assembly or the General Board approves a policy statement, it is explicitly understood that it represents only the views of those voting for its adoption. Care is always taken to record the number of persons voting to approve a policy statement, the number voting against it, and the number abstaining. All three figures are mentioned in copies of every statement distributed by the council or any of its units.

10. Who speaks for the NCCUSA?

The General Assembly, being the council's basic governing body, is charged with responsibility for determining the council's policies and making public witness to oneness in Christ and His mission.

Responsibility for issuing pronouncements, messages or other statements as expressions of positions of the council is to be exercised normally by the General Board.

The president and the general secretary, assisted by the vice-presidents, are the principal interpreters and spokesmen of the council.

11. How did the Lutheran Church in America become a member?

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at our church's constituting convention at Detroit in 1962 (Minutes, p. 235):

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America

That, formally recording its acceptance of the preamble and the constitution of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and its intention to fulfill the obligations of participation therein, the Lutheran Church in America request the said National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America to recognize it as a constituent member of the council in succession to the previous membership therein of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church and The United Lutheran Church in America, which have now joined with The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (Suomi Synod) to form this united church.

12. What benefits does the LCA derive from its membership in the NCCUSA?

The major benefit of membership may be summarized as follows: the opportunity to engage with other evangelical churches in mutual counsel for the sake of the Gospel, and to participate actively with such churches in cooperative works of serving love through which the faith of Christians finds expression, without a surrender of our church's interpretation of the Gospel, the denial of conviction or the suppression of our testimony to what we hold to be the truth.

Such contacts permit our church's representatives to:

a. witness to members of other member churches concerning our Lutheran convictions in matters Scriptural, theological, ecclesiastical and social, and weigh the testimony of others in the light of the Gospel;

b. engage in activities related to evangelism, parish education, missionary education, medical missions, relief, reconstruction, interchurch aid, religious liberty, radio and television, ministry in national parks, and to migrants.

The executive secretary of each LCA board and auxiliary and the director of each LCA commission has submitted a statement for inclusion in this paper on the benefits derived from our cooperation with other church bodies in the NCCUSA. (The unit designations are those in effect prior to the reorganization.)

#### **Board of American Missions**

##### **Division of Home Missions:**

Provides an instrument to carry on mission work to the Indian, the Migrant and in National Parks and recreational areas in cooperation with other Protestant bodies;

Provides a forum for the sharing of ideas in American Missions;

Provides specialists in many areas who give guidance and assistance to mission boards such as Urban and Town and Country Work.

##### **Commission on Missionary Education:**

Prepares mission literature, films, etc. applicable for all ages on selected themes.

#### **Board of College Education and Church Vocations**

##### **Division of Christian Education:**

Service to the churches and their members in academic communities is carried on by way of the Faculty Christian Fellowship which brings together scholars on three to four hundred campuses to discuss the relation of the Christian faith and academic disciplines. Quadrennial convocations conducted under the auspices of the Commission on Higher Education seek to relate 225 Christian institutions of higher learning more effectively to the churches. In its Department of the Ministry, the Commission on Higher Education serves the churches by aiding in the enlistment of men to prepare for church vocations, by providing vocational guidance assistance and producing guidance materials.

#### **Board of Parish Education**

##### **Division of Christian Education:**

Participation in the Division of Christian Education makes it possible for us to work cooperatively with other denominations on projects of common interest; for example, preparation of outlines for uniform Sunday church school lessons, development of guidance materials for leaders who work with exceptional or handicapped persons. It also makes possible consultation on and study of problems of common concern and new educational approaches. Participation in the work of the division provides a vehicle for informal sharing of experiences among those engaged in Christian education in the various denominations.

#### **Board of Publication**

##### **Division of Christian Education:**

The Board of Publication benefits from participation in the DCE of NCCUSA in

1. The contacts with the other denominational publishers all of whom are members of the Publishers Section.

2. The workshops and conferences conducted by the Department of Audio-Visuals in Religious Education.
3. The freedom to use quotes and extracts of unlimited length from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible without paying royalties or securing permission.

#### ***Board of Social Ministry***

##### **Division of Christian Life and Work:**

The Division of Christian Life and Work is a major resource for the Board of Social Ministry. The complex areas of responsibility assigned to the board by the church require access to basic sources of information through printed material, experts in special fields, and governmental and national organizations. Moreover, the widest kind of consultation is required to be able to address social ministry problems realistically. The Division of Christian Life and Work has been able to meet these needs on an ecumenical basis in fundamental ways that would not be available to the Board of Social Ministry acting alone.

#### ***Board of Theological Education***

##### **Division of Christian Education:**

Contact with the Department of the Ministry of the NCC has been indispensable for the BTE during the first biennium of the LCA on several fronts: methods of granting financial aid to seminary students; standards of clergy support; continuing education for pastors; strategy and methods of ministerial recruitment; uses of ministerial manpower, etc. All these fronts are interdenominational, and the information provided is rich in comparative data as well as full in ideas and methods. The new Department of Ministry, Vocation and Pastoral Service promises to make the BTE's relations to the NCCC considerably more direct and informative than before; conversely, the BTE will expect its benefit from the NCCC relationship to be proportionate to what it puts in.

#### ***Board of World Missions***

##### **Division of Foreign Missions:**

DFM provides a forum for sharing ideas and experiences with the best leadership of practically all the denominations in the USA who are engaged in overseas missionary work.

Through DFM and related agencies, BWM shares in supporting ecumenical programs which denominations cannot and should not carry on separately, such as: Christian Literature Fund, preparation and broadcasting of programs over strong radio stations in strategic parts of the world, United Christian Colleges, etc.

Through DFM, the staff is related to the Division of World Mission and Evangelism of the WCC and also to the service agencies.

##### **Commission on Missionary Education:**

Printed and audio-visual materials are provided for missionary education which could not be prepared by any single denomination. The LCA staff is able to witness to the Lutheran point of view and thus make a contribution to the ecumenical movement in missionary education. The ecumenical character of the mission of the Church is brought to the attention of the LCA constituency.

##### **National Student Christian Federation**

The NSCF brings the mission of the Christian Church to the campuses of the USA. The Quadrennial Assembly provides a means of bringing USA and overseas students studying in the USA together in stimulating discussions on the mission of the Church in the world.

We send some of our overseas students. We share in conferences dealing with work among students. The NSCF has a program of visitation by American, as well as international students and missionaries, to the university campuses in the USA and Canada.

***Commission on Church Architecture***

**Division of Home Missions—Department of Church Building and Architecture**

No agency exists, religious or secular, that is more helpful to us. Our work is strengthened through the channels constantly opened for us by this unit of the National Council enabling us to be in touch with literally everyone in the business and every new development and research result in the field. Simply the existence of the Department of Church Building and Architecture has been a benefit to us because having such an organization with which to share our skills and discoveries with responsive criticism has challenged our wits and magnified our services.

***Commission on Evangelism***

**Central Department of Evangelism:**

Participation in the Central Department of Evangelism provides the Commission on Evangelism with opportunities to: 1) learn first-hand the evangelism policies, procedures and problems of other denominations; 2) interpret in ecumenical circles the emphases most characteristic of Lutheran efforts at evangelism; and 3) engage in studies and experimentation at levels of greater breadth or depth than is possible for a denomination by itself.

***Commission on Press, Radio and Television***

**Broadcasting and Film Commission:**

1. Membership in the Broadcasting and Film Commission avoids undue duplication of effort in the highly expensive media of radio and television.
2. A unified approach to national radio and television networks has an impressively greater impact than separate denominational actions.
3. In committee, conference and assembly with other denominational broadcasting executives, opportunities are presented for cross references, cross-"fertilization" of program ideas, doublechecks on mistakes and discoveries.

***Commission on Stewardship***

**Division of Christian Life and Work—Department of Stewardship and Benevolence:**

The Commission on Stewardship receives effective and desirable assistance from its participation in the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of NCCUSA by means of cooperative consultation and production of printed and audio-visual materials. In this inter-church exchange of stewardship ideas, the opportunity is also given for a Lutheran voice to be heard and for Lutheran participants to crystallize their stewardship concepts and to firm up their own confessional position. In areas relating to financial stewardship, in particular, the united Protestant stand on the principles of Christian stewardship has a common focal point of expression in relation to the general public as well as toward the churches.

***Commission on Worship***

**Division of Christian Life and Work—Department of Worship and the Arts:**

The benefits received grow out of:

1. the opportunity afforded by exchange of information regarding studies and programs of the several churches in the area of worship and the arts,
2. engagement in specific projects designed to aid the churches in an appreciation and use of the best from the several traditions represented (e.g., the preparation of a description calendar of the church year), and
3. the preparation of certain materials designed to provide a common expression for the churches (e.g., conduct of weddings, funerals, etc.). To a lesser degree the department assisted the work of the several churches by making available to those who desired it specific information about those matters which were not at the time being developed by a unit of their respective churches (e.g., religious drama, the fine arts, etc.)

#### *Commission on Youth Activities*

##### **Division of Christian Education:**

The Commission on Youth Activities' participation in the Commission on General Education and Commission on Missionary Education of the Division of Christian Education has been of high value, particularly in giving our staff a point of contact with youth leaders of other church bodies. The informal sharing of insights into youth work problems and possible solutions has been helpful. We also have a voice in the preparation of missionary education materials which can be commended to the youth of our church.

#### *Lutheran Church Men*

##### **General Department of United Church Men:**

It is generally recognized that cooperative, or united, men's work is a part of and not apart from denominational men's work—that it extends and makes more effective the men's work of the congregational unit.

The LCM executive secretary benefits directly through his utilization of the resources made available by the UCM.

A more effective Protestant laymen's thrust is made possible.

#### *Lutheran Church Women*

##### **General Department of United Church Women:**

The value of participation is threefold. It provides: 1) a means of expressing oneness of the church; 2) an opportunity for exchanging and interpreting the viewpoints we hold as Lutherans; 3) opportunity for planning and finding ways in which we can cooperate to carry out our common task on an interdenominational basis.

#### *Luther League*

##### **Division of Christian Education—United Christian Youth Movement:**

Through our participation in the work of the United Christian Youth Movement, we have arranged for representation at the UCYM-sponsored Ecumenical Study Conference each year. Our participants have found these meetings stimulating and worthwhile. Our involvement in other aspects of the UCYM has been very limited.

#### *Lutheran Church in America Foundation*

##### **Division of Christian Life and Work—Department of Stewardship and Benevolence:**

LCA Foundation reports great benefit to its staff from its relationship with NCCCUSA. These relationships have been through membership on the Committee on Wills and Special Gifts of the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

Triennially this committee sponsors national conferences for persons having professional responsibility in the field of fund-raising and development for church-related institutions and agencies. No other such training opportunity is available.

During 1966-1967 this same committee will be instituting a nationwide emphasis on the theme of Wills and Christian Responsibility. The Foundation sees great value in such an emphasis and plans to implement it as fully as possible in the LCA.

**13. How much money does the Lutheran Church in America contribute each year to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.?**

Counting as "contributions" all monies approved by the Executive Council for transmittal to the NCCCUSA by our church, its boards, commissions and auxiliaries, whether as outright grants for the support of the council and its operations or for purchase of services, the total amount for 1963 was \$401,716 and for 1964, \$490,436. These amounts were given for the following causes by the related units of our church—note well, only the first item is for the general treasury of the council.

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Core budget of NCCCUSA from Executive Council ...	\$80,000	...\$80,000
Faith and Order from Executive Council .....	5,000	... 4,100
Commission on Religion and Race:		
from Board of Social Ministry .....	20,000	
from Luther League .....		... 45,000
Peace Corps Office		
from Board of College Education and Church Vocations		... 1,000
from Board of World Missions .....		... 505
Clergy Compensation Project .....	1,500	...
Protestant Center—World's Fair .....	1,000	... 1,000

**DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

(LCA related boards, commissions and auxiliaries: Board of American Missions, Board of College Education and Church Vocations, Board of Parish Education, Board of Publication, Board of Theological Education, Board of World Missions, Commission on Youth Activities and Luther League)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
General Program .....	\$17,034	.....\$17,034
Commission on General Christian Education .....	2,400	..... 1,900
Commission on Missionary Education .....	9,751	..... 4,675
Commission on Higher Education .....	11,225	..... 9,250
National Student Christian Federation .....	—	..... 5,175
	<u>\$40,410</u>	<u>\$38,034</u>

**DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK**

(LCA related board, commissions and foundation: Board of Social Ministry, Commission on Stewardship, Commission on Worship, and Lutheran Church in America Foundation)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Division of Christian Life and Work .....	\$33,723	\$34,178
Proposed research project on the church and juvenile delinquency .....	500	—
National Study Conference on Church and State contribution .....	960	—
Contribution by CS toward cost of 1964 motion picture production .....	—	8,000
Department of International Affairs (Church Center —UN) .....	—	4,700
	<u>\$35,183</u>	<u>\$46,878</u>

**DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS**

(LCA related board and auxiliary: Board of World Missions and Lutheran Church Women)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Division of Foreign Missions .....	\$137,310	\$190,319
BWM East Asia Christian Conference (motion picture) .....	200	—
	<u>\$137,510</u>	<u>\$190,319</u>

**DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS**

(LCA related board, auxiliary and commission: Board of American Missions, Lutheran Church Women, and Commission on Church Architecture)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Division of Home Missions .....	\$38,750	\$34,500

**BROADCASTING AND FILM COMMISSION**

(LCA related unit: Commission on Press, Radio and Television)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Broadcasting and Film Commission .....	\$29,663	\$35,500

**CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM**

(LCA related unit: Commission on Evangelism)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Central Department of Evangelism .....	\$10,000	\$10,600

**UNITED CHURCH MEN**

(LCA related unit: Lutheran Church Men)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
General Department of United Church Men .....	\$700	\$750

**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

(LCA related unit: Lutheran Church Women)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
General Department of United Church Women ...	\$2,000	\$2,250



14. Is it true that approximately one-third of the delegates to the council's constituting convention in Cleveland had communist affiliations or leanings?

Every delegate attending the constituting convention (November 28-December 2, 1950) was appointed by his denomination. One can safely assume that each church (its convention or executive body) exercised painstaking care in selecting its delegates to that and all succeeding meetings of the General Assembly.

The National Council of Churches has no right or reason to investigate the background or personal affiliations of those named by the member denominations as delegates to the General Assembly or any other NCCUSA unit. It trusts the churches to have done so.

The names of those who served as delegates to the constituting convention from the LCA's three predecessor bodies which were charter members of the NCCUSA follow:

*Augustana*

Rev. P. O. Bersell  
Mrs. John S. Benson  
Rev. Conrad Bergendoff  
Rev. Rudolph Burke  
Rev. S. E. Engstrom  
Emory Lindquist  
Rev. Richard B. Pearson  
Rev. S. H. Swanson  
Rev. Emil Swenson  
Rev. Lael Westberg

*Danish*

Rev. A. E. Farstrup  
Agnes Holst  
Rev. Alfred Jensen  
Rev. Johannes Knudsen  
Rev. H. O. Nielsen  
Rev. Clayton Nielson

*United*

Rev. Franklin Clark Fry  
Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr.  
Miss Nona M. Diehl  
Rev. Paul C. Empie  
Henry Endress  
Rev. Wallace E. Fisher  
Rev. R. H. Gerberding  
Rev. Luther A. Gotwald  
Hon. James F. Henninger  
Ernst P. Hoepfner  
James C. Kinard  
Rev. C. Franklin Koch

M. P. Moller, Jr.  
Rev. O. Frederick Nolde  
Rev. F. Epling Reinartz  
Rev. S. White Rhyne  
Mrs. O. A. Sardeson  
Rev. G. Morris Smith  
Miss Mary Helen Smith  
Rev. Robert W. Stackel  
Clarence C. Stoughton  
Rev. L. Ralph Tabor  
S. Frederick Telleen  
Rev. Gould Wickey

15. What is the attitude of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. on communism?

On at least two occasions the council's General Board has spoken emphatically and uncompromisingly on this subject:

a. "No body of people is more concerned to combat communism than the church groups of our country. If any communists are carrying on their subversive work under the guise of serving the church, all who have responsibility for leadership in the church should insist that such deception shall be exposed.

"The National Council of Churches is and always has been unalterably opposed to communism." (General Board, May 19, 1953)

b. At its meeting in Seattle, June 4, 1959, the General Board reaffirmed "the consistent position of the National Council of Churches expressed in many official actions opposing the evils, the violence and the violation of human rights by communist and other tyrannies."

16. *What answer can be given to those who charge that the NCCCUSA is "Communist-infiltrated?"*

A sensational accusation of that sort needs to be supported by uncontroversial facts. The trouble with a term like "Communist-infiltrated"—and what makes it appealing to unscrupulous critics—is just that it is undefined at the same time that it sounds condemning. Among the statements, purporting to be factual, that have been made to bolster this charge are:

- a. "That several persons with Communist leanings assisted in preparing the Revised Standard Version of the Bible."
- b. "That the NCCCUSA advocates U.S.A. recognition of the Castro government in Cuba."
- c. "That the NCCCUSA advocates gradual removal of all reference to God in national life and institutions."

The facts concerning such statements are:

- a. Thirty-two Biblical scholars, known also for their contributions in the fields of church history, hymody and Christian understanding, worked on the translation of the Bible which resulted in the Revised Standard Version, under the chairmanship of Luther A. Weigle, Dean Emeritus of Yale University's Divinity School, who was himself reared in one of the antecedent bodies of the Lutheran Church in America. They were chosen not because of their politics or economic theories or on any other basis except recognized scholarly competence.
- b. The NCCCUSA has never, either in General Assembly or by action of the General Board, advocated recognition by the United States of America of the Castro government in Cuba.
- c. The NCCCUSA has never, either in General Assembly or by action of the General Board, made any statement which could be interpreted as favoring gradual removal of all reference to God in national life.

17. *Has the NCCCUSA or any of its units ever advocated admission of the Peoples Republic of China into United Nations membership?*

No. Never in the fourteen year history of the council has the General Assembly, the General Board or any other organ of the council advocated UN membership for the Peoples Republic of China.

Those who say otherwise refer to a sentence in the message of the Fifth World Order Study Conference, held in Cleveland, Ohio, in November 1958. Although that conference was sponsored by the Department of International Affairs of the council's Division of Christian Life and Work, it was specified in advance that the conference could not speak for any denomination or for the council, but only for itself. The same message to the churches stressed that recognition would not imply approval of mainland China's government; it also left open the question of what conditions should be attached to recognition or what the time schedule of such action should be. No NCCCUSA unit ever adopted or approved the conference's message.

This message was misrepresented by some by means of selective reporting or by deliberate distortion.

**18. Does the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. act as a lobby in Washington?**

No. The council usually expresses its convictions in terms of broad principles. Only seldom does it express itself on specific bills before the Congress. Its policy in this connection is like that of the separate denominations, the National Lutheran Council and many parallel bodies, including the American Council of Churches and numerous other highly conservative organizations.

One notable exception to this general practice was in relation to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 on which the 1963 General Assembly took a favorable stand.

**19. Does the NCCUSA favor a nuclear test ban?**

The council's General Board, meeting on June 2, 1960, adopted a pronouncement on "The Churches and the Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes" (67 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions). Three paragraphs from that pronouncement are especially significant:

We therefore deem it our Christian responsibility, as faithful stewards, to work for an orderly development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes for the benefit of all mankind. There is urgent need for ethical and political decision to be made regarding the continuance, control, or curtailment of nuclear development, production, and testing for defense purposes; yet the potentialities of nuclear technology for peaceful and constructive uses are so great as to require in themselves all prudent research and development.

One of the most obvious needs is for the nations to operate as fully as possible through the recently formed International Atomic Energy Agency. Through it both the nations that produce and those that use nuclear energy and its by-products have their most promising meeting ground. The United States initiated the concept which the International Atomic Energy Agency embodies: it should continue to be a major supporter of the Agency. International cooperation and world peace will be promoted by support of the International Atomic Energy Agency and regional atomic agencies.

Christians believe and rejoice in the knowledge that God's gifts are intended for the enrichment of all mankind and for the Glory of God. We call upon the churches to lead their people to an ever-clearer understanding of Christian responsibility to serve their fellow men that all may share in the development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

**20. What are the objectives of the Commission on Religion and Race?**

When the General Board established the commission, it set forth four purposes:

- a. To focus the concern, the conviction, the resources and the action of the member communions in issues of religion and race;
- b. To provide a national interdenominational liaison with interfaith and other concerted efforts;
- c. To focus and mobilize the resources of the units of the National Council of Churches;
- d. To assist the nation to see this crisis in its moral dimension.

The authorizations given to the commission by the General Board are:

- a. The encouragement of negotiations, demonstrations and direct action in places of particular crisis.

- b. The mobilization of resources to encourage legislative and executive acts in order to bring dignity, equality, and justice to all Americans.
- c. The mobilization of the resources of the churches in order to put their own house in order by desegregating all of the institutions of the church.
- d. The development and implementation of long term plans and strategies so that a continuing design of action will move us steadily towards the moral goal of full human rights for all.
- e. The formulation of a call to state and local councils of churches to take such immediate action to aid in the expediting of the spirit of this paper as seems best at this time.

The commission itself, in harmony with these objectives, formulated four major program objectives:

- a. *Community Action*—to be an effective instrument of direct Christian involvement where there is tension over civil rights, working toward the achievement of justice in specific situations; to do joint planning with other agencies engaged in the freedom struggle.
- b. *Legislation*—to mobilize support among church people for the passage of strong civil rights legislation; to serve as a liaison with governmental agencies.
- c. *Desegregation of the Churches*—to assist churches and church bodies in a coordinated approach to the rapid desegregation of parishes, boards and church institutions.
- d. *Interpretation*—to keep consistently before the churches and the nation the deep seriousness of the racial crisis and the Christian's responsibility to help solve it.

**21. How is the commission supported financially?**

The commission's activities have been financed solely out of designated funds contributed in response to a special appeal to the member churches and to interested friends of the council. No funds contributed by the churches for the council's general purposes or for other specific causes have ever been diverted to support the commission's activities.

**22. Did the NCCCUSA or any of its units contribute funds to finance the Civil Rights March on Washington?**

No; however, there are two ways in which the council was involved financially, though indirectly, in that activity:

- 1. Some members of the council's staff participated in the March on Washington, their travel expenses being paid by the council.
- 2. The Commission on Religion and Race prepared sandwiches with the intention of selling them and repaying the cost; the sales fell short of expectations, resulting in a financial loss to the commission. Funds contributed for other National Council of Churches' purposes were not involved.

**23. Does the NCCCUSA advocate intermarriage between persons of different races?**

The council has never been asked by its member communions to take a position on this subject; consequently, it has never done so.

**24. Has money specifically contributed to the Commission on Religion and Race been used a) to supply bail funds or pay legal fees for persons arrested after participating in racial demonstrations, or b) to reimburse demonstrators, in part at least, for wages forfeited as a result of time lost in order to participate in demonstrations?**

This question has arisen from the fact that a student of theology, David W. Jones, was found to have in his possession at the time he was arrested in Wilmington, North Carolina, during the summer of 1963, a check in the amount of \$339.85 drawn on the account of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. When this fact was publicized, some people immediately assumed that Mr. Jones (and perhaps an unknown number of others) had been paid to participate in demonstrations or at least reimbursed for wages forfeited. Such was not the case. The facts are these:

- a. In recent years a project has been developed in a number of theological seminaries known as the Student Interracial Ministry, the object being to secure white students of theology to serve during summer months as assistants to pastors in Negro or predominantly Negro congregations and Negro students of theology to serve in white or predominantly white congregations.
- b. The SIM seeks funds to defray expenses of such volunteers since they usually receive little if any compensation from the congregations served and, as a rule, rely on summer earnings to continue in school.
- c. The SIM does not advise volunteers either to participate in demonstrations or to avoid such participation. Each student is instructed to consult the pastor under whom he serves if he wishes on his own initiative to participate in a demonstration.
- d. Because the SIM has no corporate status or any formal organization, and therefore has no facilities for banking money and disbursing checks, the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the council's Division of Christian Life and Work agreed to serve as the SIM's banker: the department arranged to set up a special account in the council's treasury to receive contributions solicited by the volunteers themselves and to draw checks approved by a committee of students. The SIM is not a council project nor does the council own or control the funds in this special account; the council provides the account as a service to the students engaged in this project.
- e. The check in Mr. Jones' possession at the time of his arrest was drawn against the SIM account after proper approval by the committee of students.

In addition, the Commission on Religion and Race served as the transmitting agent for certain specific remittances designated for bail funds or for legal counsel. Though funds given and used for these two purposes have been very limited, the council has accepted them. Through this service of the National Council of Churches over 90 people have been released on bail from arduous and severe prison situations, the youngest in his early teens, and the oldest, over seventy. The commission, with the assistance of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, was able to secure the services of a national bonding company for the first time to put up money for civil rights cases in Mississippi.

25. What about a "reading list" distributed by the NCCUSA containing the names of books considered obscene by the U.S. Post Office Department?

A bibliography, "The Negro American—A Reading List," was prepared seven years ago by the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches. It was designed to give leaders and students insight into Negro thinking at that time in the United States. Each such person was, of course, left to determine for himself what use he wished to make of the books on the list.

exactly as a library makes available its reading material without comment. Approximately 3,000 copies were printed and distributed, on request, over a three year period, with no effort by the department at any time to promote use of the bibliography. It is now out of print, and there are no plans to re-issue the bibliography.

The first paragraph of the introduction states:

The Supreme Court's May, 1954, school decision calls for fundamental change in the educational pattern of a large part of the country, as well as for re-examination of racial attitudes nationally. Where desegregation is planned or started, there are adjustment problems for both colored and white. Where resistance is strong, there is need for special effort and understanding.

The list of 260 books is classified under headings of Negro history, biography, poetry, religion and the church, etc. In addition, the entire list is broken down into sections recommended for primary, intermediate, junior high, senior high, and adult readers.

It has been charged that the book *Without Magnolias*, by Bucklin Moon, which was included in the reading list, has been declared obscene and banned from the mails by the Post Office Department. The fact is that no book on the list has ever been held to be obscene by any duly constituted and competent agency, public or private.

Another charge is frequently made against the Negro poet, Langston Hughes. Several of his books were cited because Hughes is a considerable Negro poet. In the early 1930's he wrote an offensive poem called "Goodbye Christ." That poem, however, is not included in any of the recommended books, nor has it been in print since 1932, until it was reprinted in attacks against the council in an effort to discredit the reading list.

**26. What part did the National Council of Churches play in the Mississippi Summer Project?**

It is necessary, first of all, to note that the Mississippi Summer Project and the "Ministry Among Residents of the Delta Area of the State of Mississippi," commonly referred to as the Delta Ministry (see #27 below), are two different things.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ did not sponsor the Mississippi Summer Project; nor did the council recruit the 850 students who volunteered to conduct literacy and voter education classes in Mississippi. The council had no control over the project in matters of policy, strategy, rationale or personnel. At the same time, the council did recognize, however, that many of the volunteers and staff persons were members of churches belonging to the NCCUSA, and so it felt a responsibility to offer spiritual guidance, provide training and counseling for the volunteers, and prepare them for potentially dangerous tasks.

To meet this responsibility, the Commission on Religion and Race:

- a. sponsored two week-long orientation courses for project volunteers at Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, June 13-17.
- b. recruited self-paid volunteer minister-counselors and attorneys to be with the students in Mississippi on a 24-hour basis.
- c. sent self-paid volunteer ministers to explain the students' motives and actions to white ministers in Mississippi, and to attempt to establish communication in good faith with white and Negro communities in that state.

d. endorsed, shared and supported the aim of the Mississippi Summer Project: "full equality under law for all citizens of Mississippi and every other state in the nation."

27. Does the National Council of Churches encourage rejection of parental authority?  
This question arises from news stories growing out of the Youth Ministry Consultation on Race held in Nashville, Tennessee, in January 1964 under the auspices of the council's Division of Christian Education.

To bring the question and the news stories into proper perspective, it is necessary to understand that the NCOCCUSA's General Board specified in 1961: "the supervisory body of any major unit may call a Consultation for a limited, specific purpose relating to its program operations but not for the purpose of policy determination or speaking to the public."

Present as resource persons at the Nashville consultation were persons from six non-church groups who had been invited to speak to staff personnel of member denominations and of the council concerning their views and experiences as members of racial minorities engaged in direct action. One member of the staff of our church's Commission on Youth Activities was present along with a total of 44 others.

During the course of the consultation several persons present seem to have made careless and indiscreet statements, which were reported by representatives of news media who were mistakenly permitted to be present. To the credit of the LCA member in attendance, he voiced prompt and strenuous objection at one or more points. Immediately after the president of our church received a report concerning the consultation, the general secretary of the NCOCCUSA was asked to speak plainly to the council's staff members who had been responsible for improprieties.

The council's General Board, at its first meeting following the consultation, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches has brought to the attention of the General Board a statement adopted by the Executive Board of its Division of Christian Education relating to a Youth Ministry Consultation on Race; and

WHEREAS, it is not the position of this board or the National Council of Churches to subvert parental control of youth; and

WHEREAS, the General Board deems it appropriate and timely to inform the member churches of the communions constituent to the National Council of Churches of certain of its consistently maintained policies and positions, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the General Board takes this occasion to reaffirm the concern the National Council of Churches and particularly the Christian education forces of the churches "have historically expressed for the strengthening of family ties and for the importance of Christian nurture within the family, even as we recognize the fact that each succeeding generation tends to see life in somewhat different terms and that in times of rapid social change the problem of keeping open the channels of communication between the generations becomes especially acute. Because we believe the major responsibility for the guidance of children rests with the family, this is a matter of special concern to the churches." In this connection we invite attention to a bylaw provision whose substance was adopted at this meeting of the General Board to assure under the new constitution effective 1 January 1965 the continuation of work in the National Council of Churches to maintain a

**"responsibility to strengthen marriage and family life through advocacy of adequate laws and sound public policies and through programs of education, counselling and guidance."**

**28. What is the Delta Ministry?**

The proper title for this project is "A Ministry Among the Residents of the Delta Area of the State of Mississippi." On February 26, 1964 the council's General Board voted:

- (1) That the National Council of Churches request the Division of Inter-Church Aid of the World Council of Churches to list for world-wide support a comprehensive project in the Mississippi Delta.
- (2) That the National Council of Churches offer the services of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches (as coordinating and administrative agent for the Council and its several concerned units) as the responsible agency of the churches of the National Council of Churches to operate the project according to the regular procedures of such projects as developed over the years by the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the World Council of Churches.
- (3) That the National Council of Churches invite representatives of the judicatorial bodies of our member communions in Mississippi to further collaborate with, and advise concerning, development of the proposed ministry in the Delta area.
- (4) That the judicatory heads of the several communions in Mississippi be consulted directly by the proper officer of the National Council of Churches and the positions of such church bodies be compiled in a memorandum to be presented to the June 4-5, 1964, meeting of the General Board.

In keeping with (3) above, representatives of all the synods, dioceses, presbyteries, conferences, etc. of member communions in the Mississippi Delta area were invited to cooperate with and advise the council's Division of Home Missions concerning development of the proposed ministry in the Delta area. A consultation, to which all judicatorial "heads" were invited, took place in Saint Louis, Missouri, May 27, 1964 and approved the following:

It was agreed that the objectives of the Delta Ministry of the National Council of Churches are both necessary and valid.

The Delta Ministry should begin with the existing groups that are in favor of the program and seek to involve other groups as it progresses.

Because of the tensions which are present in the State of Mississippi the NCC should not expect to obtain approval for the Delta Ministry from all of the judicatories in the State. In not pressing for approval the risk of rejection is reduced and the Delta Ministry can at least function in a climate of toleration while seeking to maintain a climate in which consultation can continue.

All constituent as well as non-constituent communions should be kept informed and involved as much as possible.

A continuing relationship to the judicatorial leaders should be sustained through periodic visits and consultations as the Delta Ministry progresses.

The judicatorial leaders should be encouraged to gather together interested people from their constituencies for purposes of information and interpretation concerning the Delta Ministry. Personnel of the NCC should be invited to these gatherings.

Every effort should continue to be made to secure leaders from the Delta for membership on the National Advisory Committee.



The various program features of the Delta Ministry should be indicated in detail as soon as possible.

Differences of opinion were openly expressed about the value of the ministry and the propriety of inaugurating it:

(1) The judicatorial leaders of nine communions agreed that the objectives of the Delta Ministry are both necessary and valid and that the National Council of Churches should undertake the Ministry.

(2) The judicatorial leaders of three communions agreed with the indicated needs and objectives as outlined in the statement on the Delta Ministry, but they were not convinced that the National Council of Churches is the proper instrumentality to carry forward the program.

(3) The judicatorial leaders of one communion disagreed both with the statement of needs and objectives as outlined in the Delta Ministry and with the NCC involvement in any program in Mississippi.

The Delta Ministry is to be developed along three lines:

1. A ministry of services of direct relief developed to relieve suffering.
2. A ministry of reconciliation and the securing of human dignity.
3. A ministry of community development.

#### **For Further Reading**

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### "NONE DARE CALL IT . . ." IS SIMPLY A BAD BOOK

*(An editorial from the Editorials and Opinions page of the MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE for Sunday, September 20, 1964, by Robert W. Smith of the editorial page staff. Used by permission.)*

Ordinarily, one would not even bother to comment on a tract like "None Dare Call It Treason." \* It is such a bad book. But this fantastic paperback package of political poison is getting such a wide circulation in this emotion-packed election campaign that it demands attention.

"None Dare . . ." moreover, is being read by a lot of honest citizens who, being trustworthy themselves, tend to be too trusting of the book's purported "documentation."

There are 818 numbered references listed in the back of the book. More than 25 per cent of these references are from four particular sources—Human Events magazine, reports of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS), reports of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and the Congressional Record.

The latter, of course, is not an authority in itself. It is merely a record of what congressmen have said or of material—editorials, magazine articles, etc.—which senators and representatives have inserted in the Record.

Thus a congressman could have this article inserted in the Record and some subsequent critics of "None Dare . . ." could quote the Congressional Record as saying that the book is a "package of political poison."

#### BUT HOW ABOUT SOME OF the other "documentary" sources?

Seeking to bolster his claim that American defenses are being subverted, the author offers, in a paragraph set off in the smaller type used to indicate quotations, an ominous sentence which the reference credits to Newsweek magazine.

No such quotation appeared in Newsweek magazine. Nor can the excuse be made that it is a paraphrase or summing up of an eight-page treatment of then-current Western and U.S. strategic plans, for it is not.

"None Dare . . ." presents what it claims to be excerpts from the Ford Foundation annual report of 1951. The statements quoted do not appear in the foundation's report for 1951 or any other year.

A direct quotation is credited to—or blamed on—George Bernard Shaw's book, "The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism and Capitalism," page 94. You won't find the quote there.

"NONE DARE . . ." MAKES MUCH of a letter supposedly signed "for a Soviet America" by Walter and Victor Reuther. Almost exactly six years ago (Sept. 22, 1958), Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., went to some lengths to let the public know that not only were there several different versions of this letter in circulation but three differing versions had been inserted in the Congressional Record. McClellan further indicated that he and the whole Senate committee probing labor rackets considered the various texts "so questionable" as not to be worth further consideration.

Author Stormer refers to Robert Sherwood's book, "Roosevelt and Hopkins," to support his own claim that during World War II "military decisions were made, not

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\* *None Dare Call It Treason* by John A. Stormer. Liberty Bell Press, 254 pages, 75c.

according to the tactical needs of the day or to capitalize on weaknesses of the enemy, but for the long-range political advantage of the Communist conspiracy."

You won't find anything like that said either directly or indirectly on page 590 of Sherwood's book. In fact, read on through page 591 and you'll find a rather cogent argument made that the cross-channel assault turned out to be more of a blow to Communist hopes in Europe than the Churchill-proposed east European invasion would have been.

**STORMER DECLARES**, citing an SISS report, that during the Korean war "the chain of command from the U.N. Security Council to General MacArthur was through the undersecretary for political and Security Council affairs, Constantine Zinchenko, a Communist."

That's just not so. At the time of Korea, the U.N. Security Council set up a unified command under U.S. direction. Our government appointed an American commander-in-chief, and each such commander received his orders directly from the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. Washington submitted periodic reports to the U.N., but these reports contained no classified information or plans and were limited to factual chronicles of past events in the fighting.

Stormer distorts a reference from Human Events—which was itself a misconstruction of a Defense Department statement—so that a Russian experimental anti-missile installation near Leningrad becomes "Soviet anti-missile missiles deployed around Leningrad" possessing "the capability to intercept and destroy American Polaris missiles."

**AND SO IT GOES**, quotation after quotation, reference after reference. The New York Times is assailed on one hand, but quoted—and misinterpreted—on the other hand as "documentation." The Rockefeller Brothers Fund is denounced on the basis of tortured and out-of-context quotations from the Rockefeller Panel Reports. A "loaded" and notoriously unreliable document—Major William E. Mayer's report on American POWs in Korea—is cited to libel American fighting men and "prove" that the nation's moral fiber has been ruined, but without any mention of subsequent works which exposed the Mayer report and demolished its irresponsible conclusions.

This discussion has not, obviously, treated all of the 818 numbered references in "None Dare . . ." It would almost take another book to do that; and some of them—like the references to the Bible and J. Edgar Hoover—are accurate quotations and reliable.

But surely enough has been indicated about the unreliability of the "documentation" stressed by the promoters of "None Dare . . ." This should give some idea of the responsibility of the scholarship which went into its writing . . . and of the reliability of the book as a whole.

January 22, 1965

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated January 18th has been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Furthermore, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

Enclosed are publications I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4/17/62 Internal Security

Do You Really Understand Communism?

Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!

Our Heritage of Greatness

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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January 18, 1963.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been disturbed by some rumors I have heard for a year or more. Someone suggested that I write to you for information. If it is impossible for you to inform me, perhaps you can tell me where to write.

I have heard several rumors that the National Council of Churches is communist inspired and that it has or has had a communist from Moscow, pretending to be a Christian, holding office in this organization. Is this true?

Further, I have heard Dr. Carl McIntyre of Collingswood, New Jersey, make several talks about the National Council of Churches on the radio. If I understood correctly, he said about a year or so ago that some 19 or 21 men from Russia, who said they were Christians, but were actually secret police, were given recognition and help by the National Council of Churches to work and travel all over the U.S. holding large meetings with youth groups explaining communism rather than Christianity.

If such actions are true, I do not want to be a member of any church that contributes to the National Council of Churches.

Any information you can send on the National Council of Churches and their activities will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
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January 22, 1965

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Dear [Redacted]

I received the letter of January 16th from you and your husband and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," and for my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

We feel you have performed a wonderful service to our country as Director of our F. B. I. We have followed your works down through the years. We have read many books about Communism and its evil ways. Among the books we have read is your "Masters of Deceit." We are very concerned about the infiltration of this evil into all facets of our life today.

One of our main worries is Communists in the National Council of Churches. We have noticed a profound change in the sermons we hear in our churches. Please send us all information you might have about Communism and the National Council of Churches. Also what do you suggest we as laity do about this situation.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

A couple of years ago I found out that I was a member of a Church that is under the direction of the National Council of Churches of America.

Upon investigation I found beyond question that the N. C. C., through devious infiltration methods of Communists of America, were in control of the direction of policies and decisions affecting approximately 144,000,000 individual constituent members of some thirty seven or thirty eight <sup>Protestant</sup> churches (denominations) and and church bodies now subservient to the National Council of Churches of America.

My wife has been a member of our denomination for exactly seventy years and I about sixty years. [redacted] grieves at the thought of being forced out of her church by communists (scriptural admonition) and I am sticking around to see what happens. I am ready to leave any time.

You probably know the whole picture of communist infiltration of churches and theological schools, seminaries and colleges from 1918 to now and I would like to have the benefit of your knowledge particularly as regards the N. C. C. and World Council of Churches (Re Communist Council of Churches).

Congratulations on the marvelous job you have done for our Nation even though hampered politically as you have been.

I note, possibly from "Human Events," that you are expecting to leave the F. B. I. in 1966 to go into private industry. We hate to see you go but wish you the best.

P. S. Do you have anything on E. William Henry Chrm. of the F. C. C. ?

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JAN 22 1965  
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Yours Sincerely  
[redacted]

Dear Mr Hoover:-

Jan 16-1965

A couple of years ago I found out that I was a member of a Church that is under the direction of the National Council of Churches of America. Upon investigation I found beyond question that the N.C.C., through various infiltration methods of Communists of America, were in control of the direction of policies and decisions affecting approximately 144,000,000 individual constituent members of some thirty seven or thirty <sup>eight</sup> Protestant churches and Church bodies now subscribed to the National Council of Churches

of America.

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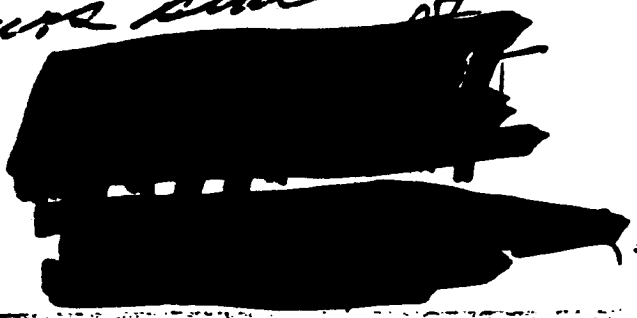
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Yours sincerely  


P.S. Do you have  
anything on  
E. William Harvey?  
Name at the N.C.C.

January 18, 1965



Dear

Your letter of January 12th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. You may be interested in knowing, however, that the FBI has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
*[Signature]*

- Enclosures (5)
- "Our Heritage of Greatness" 12-12-64
- "Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
- Internal Security Statement 4-17-62
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- IEB Intro 4-1-61
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Jan. 12, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Is it true that you have ever conducted an investigation into the activities of individual leaders of the National Council of Churches, or of the organization as a whole?

If you have, is any information available that would help Church members get at the truth? We are being torn to pieces by violent opposition, and we have no sure facts.

/s/



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JAN 22 1965

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Jan 12, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I feel sure that you  
have ever conducted an  
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of individual leaders of  
the National Council of  
Churches, or of this organiz-  
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If you have, in any  
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January 13, 1965

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 6th has been received and I want to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of all of us in the FBI for your very complimentary remarks. Your staunch support is certainly appreciated.

My statements are a matter of public record and are quoted from time to time. Their use, however, does not necessarily mean that this Bureau has or has not "cleared" the manner in which they are employed.

Concerning the inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, I want you to know that I have never made any public statement indicating that this organization has or has not been infiltrated by the communists. A sentence from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities has been taken out of context and quoted widely by opponents of the National Council of Churches. I am enclosing a copy of page 12 of this statement wherein I have underlined the pertinent sentence.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot make any comment either for or against the book, "None Dare Call it Freedom," by John A. Stormer.  
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(Note & Enclosures next page.)

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Concerning your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, the book, "None Dare Call It Treason," contains an ambiguous and misleading statement relating to this organization. The paragraph in question states, "The National Council of Churches, its subordinate organizations, and the leaders of many of its affiliated denominations and their publications consistently parallel or follow the Communist Party line, as exposed by J. Edgar Hoover." In rereading this paragraph, I am sure you will see that I have made no statement whatever regarding the National Council of Churches. It is the author's opinion that their leaders parallel the Communist Party line. The Communist Party line has, of course, been exposed by the FBI as is our duty as protectors of the internal security of this Nation.

The author in footnote 17, Chapter 7, pertaining to the above quotation has made reference to an article prepared by me entitled "The Communist Party Line" for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1961. I am enclosing a copy of this article which makes no reference whatever to the National Council of Churches.

I am also enclosing four articles I have written relating to the communist attack on religion. These publications clearly state my views on this topic.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)

Page 12 of testimony March 26, 1947, before House Committee on Un-American Activities

Communist Party Line

Let's Fight Communism Sincerely!

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

Time of Testing

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

(Note next page.)

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NOTES: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Research used in order to answer the correspondent's questions were extracted from Smith to Sullivan Memo dated June 1, 1964, concerning book review 'None Dare Call It Treason,' by John A. Stormer. Further research from Evans to Belmont Memo dated September 15, 1964, entitled Communist Infiltration of Churches. (100-50869-1241) and resulting letter to Honorable Vernel R. Jansen, September 17, 1964, (100-50869-1241) concerning an inquiry regarding communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches.

January 6, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Recently I have seen copies of reports published by the Committee of Christian Laymen Inc., of Woodland Hills, Calif., P.O. Box 285 (Publication #68, 3-4-64, 7th Printing; Publication #75, 10-1-63, and others). These publications all state that duplicate copies have been forwarded to the F.E.I. and the N.C.U.A. The principal theme of these reports is that the National Council of Churches of Christ and its head, Dr. Eugene Carson Flake, is sympathetic to, and actively supports policies which further the Communist cause, such as:

1. Recognition of Red China
2. Seat Red China in the United Nations
3. Oppose Congressional investigative bodies
4. Back race policies which divide and disrupt

As a Protestant member of a church affiliated with the N.C.C.C., I am appealing to you for the truth concerning these charges. We have several churches in our area which do not belong to the N.C.C. now, and we feel that we may be defeating our purpose in contributing to a church affiliated with the N.C.C. when, at the same time, in our concern over conditions in this nation we try to give support to Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communist Crusade.

Last October in our local newspaper, The Tribune, there was an article about the N.C.C. A Dr. Espy of New York City said in a talk to ministers of our area that a chief man from the F.B.I. was sent around the nation "warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by reds". Dr. Espy also quoted Mr. Hoover as saying he was "deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'vigilantes' may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the communists' hands". A newsheet "The Church At Work", Nov. 1964, printed by the Northern Calif.-Nevada Council of Churches had an article about attacks on the Council of Churches. It particularly referred to John Stormer's book "None Dare Call It Treason" and said it was criticized as a cheap paperback in the "Religious News Weekly" of Sept. 22, 1964. They claim that Stormer did not include complete documentations in his chapter "Subverting Our Religious Heritage" and they quote from a remark made by Mr. Hoover in 1947 to the N.C.U.A. -- "I want you to know that on neither this occasion nor at any other time have I made any statement criticizing the F.C.C. or the N.C.C.". They go on to say that Stormer did not include either of the quotes given above by Dr. Espy. They also claim that Stormer used quotes from the Air Force Manual but did not mention to his readers that it was withdrawn by the Air Force, officially retracted by the Defense Dept., and drew a public apology from the Sect. of Defense to the N.C.C. The article ends by saying "I would hope—but I'm not very optimistic about it—that those who have read "None Dare Call It Treason" also will read Harry and Bonaro Overstreet's new book "The Strange Tactics of Extremism". The Overstreet are mentioned quite thoroughly in Stormer's chapter on "Mental Health". We have also noticed that their book on Communism never seems to be included on lists of recommended reading on the subject as are Hoover's, Schwarz's, Skousen's, and others.

I present one more quote from P. 127 of "None Dare Call It Treason", -- "The N.C. of Churches, its subordinate organizations, and the leaders of many of its affiliated denominations and their publications consistently parallel or follow the Communist Party line, as exposed by J. Edgar Hoover (documented on P. 211 #17, Ch. 7 -- The Communist Party Line, J. Edgar Hoover, 1961).

I would like to have the truth about these matters cleared in my mind for two reasons--so that I may know the best course to follow--my desire to be a patriotic citizen.

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I would appreciate any information that you can possibly give to me about the National Council of [redacted] and what reasons they have for taking the stand they do on disarmament, a [redacted] that Red China be admitted to the U. N., not wanting any investigations of Communist groups, and not being favorable to anti-communist groups. At the time Dr. Fred Schwarz conducted a school here in our area, we were amazed to see [redacted] of ministers protesting his anti-communist study. The program was televised for four evenings and the speakers we heard besides Dr. Schwarz were of high caliber--men such as Judd, Dodd, and Herb Philbrick. Anyone interested in keeping freedom in this land should have helped rather than hindered the cause and we know many would not listen because of what ministers said in statements to cause hatred for Dr. Schwarz.

Also, do you have any information about the accuracy of John Storer's book? If you don't have help for us concerning it, could you tell me where I might check to find out about it.

May we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those in the F.B.I. for your faithful work over the many years that your department has been in existence. We hope for more years of the fine leadership of Mr. Hoover. Thank you.

Yours truly,  


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January 13, 1965

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 9th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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Enclosed is some material which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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- Enclosures (4)
- Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- LEB Introduction, 4-61
- Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Dear Sir:

We are very concerned about the "National Council of Churches," and are seeking true facts about this organization & what control they hold over the American Baptist Convention, local churches as well as other organizations & other Churches.

I have been placed on a committee meeting to make a decision about the National Counsel so any information you could give us on this matter would be gratefully appreciated. Thanking you in advance.

Jan 17. 1965



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1-9-65

Dear Sir:

We are very concerned about the "National Council of Churches", and are seeking true facts about this organization & what control they hold over the American Baptist Convention, local churches as well as other organizations & other churches.

<sup>1-12-65</sup> I have been placed on a <sup>meeting</sup> committee, <sup>Jan, 17, 1965</sup> to make a decision about the National Council so any information you could give us on this matter <sup>would be</sup> <sup>713</sup>

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gratefully appreciated.  
Thanking you in advance.

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January 12, 1961

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Your letter of January 8th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the Nation 1 Council of Churches and the individual you named.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

- 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
- Let's Fight Communism Sanelly
- Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
- "Our Heritage of Greatness"

NOTE; Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.  
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January 8, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We continue to hear reports from spokesmen for the Far Right, charging that the National Council of Churches is under Communist influence, or even that certain persons in the National Council are themselves Communists. These charges are causing deep disruption and, in some cases, are seriously undermining the church.

If such charges are true, it is a serious situation and one to be dealt with. If they are untrue, then a forthright statement from your office would do much to put the matter in perspective.

As you are doubtless aware, many of these persons, such as Billy James and others, often claim the FBI as an ally in their "crusades," implying that they are working common cause with your agency, and hinting often that they have access to your files. It would seem to me, sir, that only a forthright disclaimer from you can correct this impression and end the suspicions that have been aroused.

In short, is the National Council of Churches a "tool in the Communist apparatus" as charged; or is it a positive force, as claimed by its own prominent members, in combatting Communism?

Without revealing any confidential information, it seems to me that we do need a forthright statement from you, sir, and your agency on this essential question.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Your letter of January 10th has been received.

In respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the individuals you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours  
J. Edgar Hoover

- Enclosure (5)
- 1-1-51 LHM Introduction
- 4-17-52 Internal Security Statement
- Let's Fight Communism (Leaflet)
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- Our Heritage of Creativity

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Address verified per telephone directory.

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January , 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently I was appointed and accepted as a member on the Board of Trustees of the [redacted] Methodist Church. The issue has arisen as to whether we should continue to support the National Council of Churches financially and if it is a Communist inspired organization. All members have been sent material gathered by a special committee which supposedly investigated the Council. However, no mention was made of whether or not any of the members of the Council was or had been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects or publications. The material was merely voted on as being "educational". The questions of being Communist inspired and our support remains unanswered.

Could you furnish me with both past and up to date information on the National Council of Churches and the backgrounds of its board members, since I do not feel I can vote on this issue until I am better informed. The information you can give will be for personal use and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
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Your letter of January 7th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either what we do or do not have data in our files relative to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully furnished.

Sincerely yours,

A. Edgar Hoover

- 11 enclosures (3)
- 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
- "Our Heritage of Greatness"
- Correspondent's self-addressed, stamped envelope

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JAN 12 1965



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My local church, The First Presbyterian [REDACTED] like many other churches has for sometime been concerned with the reputation and the conduct of the National Council of Churches, of which our General Assembly is a part. One of the principal concerns about the Communist infiltration and domination of this organization. It is hard to know what to believe. Both opponents and proponents of the N.C.C. have implied or stated that you have either condoned or cleared the N.C.C. of these charges, seemingly whatever be their purpose.

If it is not the prerogative of me, and if you feel your answering is in the best of interest, I would greatly appreciate your reply. Have you searched to determine the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated by the Communist, and if so, or ever has been Communistically dominated.

I wish your help would, so that my church here may be enlightened in the area it should move in this controversial issue. I would appreciate your reply as soon as possible.

Allow me also this opportunity of, as a citizen, thanking you for your great service and devotion to this country. I have long been a admirer of yours.

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Sincerely,

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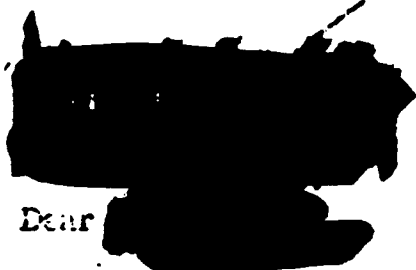
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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of December 31st has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
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TRUE COPY

Dec. 31, 1964

Dear Sir,

I am deeply concerned over the supposed pro-Communist leanings and activities of the National Council of Churches and some of its officers and leading members. If you have any information verifying or denying the charges that many people have made against the organization I would sincerely appreciate receiving it. I have just been elected to the consistory of my church and since my church contributes to the National Council of Churches I feel it is my duty to investigate before approving or disapproving of the contributions.

Respectfully,

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Dec. 31, 1964

Dear Sir,

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Respectfully,

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Director, FBI (100-50869)

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)**

The "New York Herald Tribune," page 12, carried an article captioned "Lutheran Notes Fight On Reds by Churches." This article states that the Reverend Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the Lutheran Church of America, has released a background paper dealing with the allegations of communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches.

You are instructed to discreetly obtain and forward to the Bureau two copies of the paper released by Reverend Fry.

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## Lutheran Notes Fight On Reds by Churches

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America, has released a background paper dealing with the allegations of Communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches, which has beset the council for years, despite repeated denials. Also, it deals in considerable detail with the council's involvement in the civil rights movement, and particularly with incidents in last summer's events in the South.

Dr. Fry said his action was taken at the prompting of four Southern synodical presidents, who are confronted by "persistent charges against the National Council which are troubling many of their constituents." His document goes back to the 1953 pronouncement of the council's

general board that "The National Council of Churches is and always has been unalterably opposed to communism."

As for last summer's incidents, the paper takes as one example, the Mississippi Summer Project, in which 850 students helped voter education programs in that state. The council did not sponsor or control the project, it says, but it did endorse its aims, and therefore felt a responsibility to provide counseling and a spiritual guidance to the students "to prepare them for potentially dangerous tasks." Thus, it sponsored the two-week orientation course in Oxford, Ohio; recruited self-paid volunteer minister-counselors and attorneys, and sent self-paid volunteer ministers to explain the students' activities to white ministers in Mississippi.

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- The Washington Post and Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_
- The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- The Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Herald Tribune 12
- New York Journal-American \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Post \_\_\_\_\_
- The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_
- The Baltimore Sun \_\_\_\_\_
- The Worker \_\_\_\_\_
- The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_
- The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_
- The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_
- People's World \_\_\_\_\_
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December 29, 1964

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 18th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be interested in knowing, however, that the FBI has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest. I regret I know of no other agency to which I may direct you to obtain the data you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

4-1 -62 Internal Security Statement


4-1-61 LEB introduction

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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December 18, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I've been becoming aware of the charges of Communism in the World Council and the National Council of Churches. Those groups described as being "right wingers" seem confident that they have discovered Communism in these two groups I've mentioned, especially the National Council of Churches. Could you please supply me with information which would either confirm their charges, deny them, or information to show that there is some truth in their charges?

I would be interested interested in having information on the following specific questions:

1. To what extent has the FBI investigated the National Council of Churches for Communistic influences,
2. What, if any, type of information has been the result of any investigations you've made,
3. If the charges of Communism in the National Council is false, to what extent can the National Council be said to be a foe of Communism.

If you know of any other federal agency to which I should address these questions, or if you prefer to refer them to another federal agency, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely yours,  


December 23, 1964

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Dear

I received your letter of December 17, 1964. With the holiday, I want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI and for your kind wishes for the holidays. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type and information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why this Bureau has not released any statement along the lines you have indicated.

I am enclosing some literature which I trust will be of interest. Included in this material is a copy of a speech delivered by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan before the Highland Park Methodist Church on October 19, 1961, in Dallas, Texas, which sets forth this Bureau's position in related matters.

Please accept my best wishes for a New Year filled with an abundance of all good things.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

- "Communism and Religion in the United States" 10/19/61
- 4-1-61 LEB Intro Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- 4-17-62 Internal Security statement
- Faith in God--Answer to Communism

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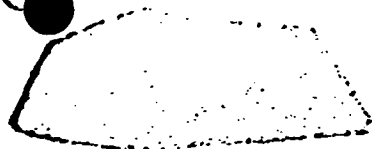
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10 December 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many men have had long careers as public servants but certainly no one individual can match your tenure of office in giving able, devoted, and conscientious service to his country. You have made the FBI an agency of trust, respect and honesty as it reflects the character and integrity of its Director.

Having lived in the South and having been exposed for many years to a sociological pattern, born over a century ago, some of the changes now being made in this system are not easy to accept. However, we will accept them in time, as will most Christians who believe in the dignity of the individual and fair play for all citizens.

Making this acceptance difficult, is the attitude of some of the most vehement leadership of certain minority groups, particularly Rev. Martin Luther King. In supporting your recent remarks regarding Rev. King's activity, it is not just a Southerner's opposition to Rev. King's ideology, but the backing of a concerned American that the FBI Director is justified in defending his agency when overwhelmed or substantiated by facts. The recent article in U. S. News & World Report is ample proof that your remarks were justified.

There is another matter in which your name has been injected and I appeal to you in this matter as a fellow Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

I have become greatly concerned over the controversy which has developed regarding the National Council of Churches. I have read many of Mr. Philip James Hargis' books, Mr. John A. Stormers' "None Dare Call It Treason", and others dealing with communism and subversion. Mr. Hargis and Mr. Stormer cite many authorities to substantiate the claim that the NCC espouses a number of communistic goals and that the leadership of the NCC has been infiltrated by communists or communist sympathizers.

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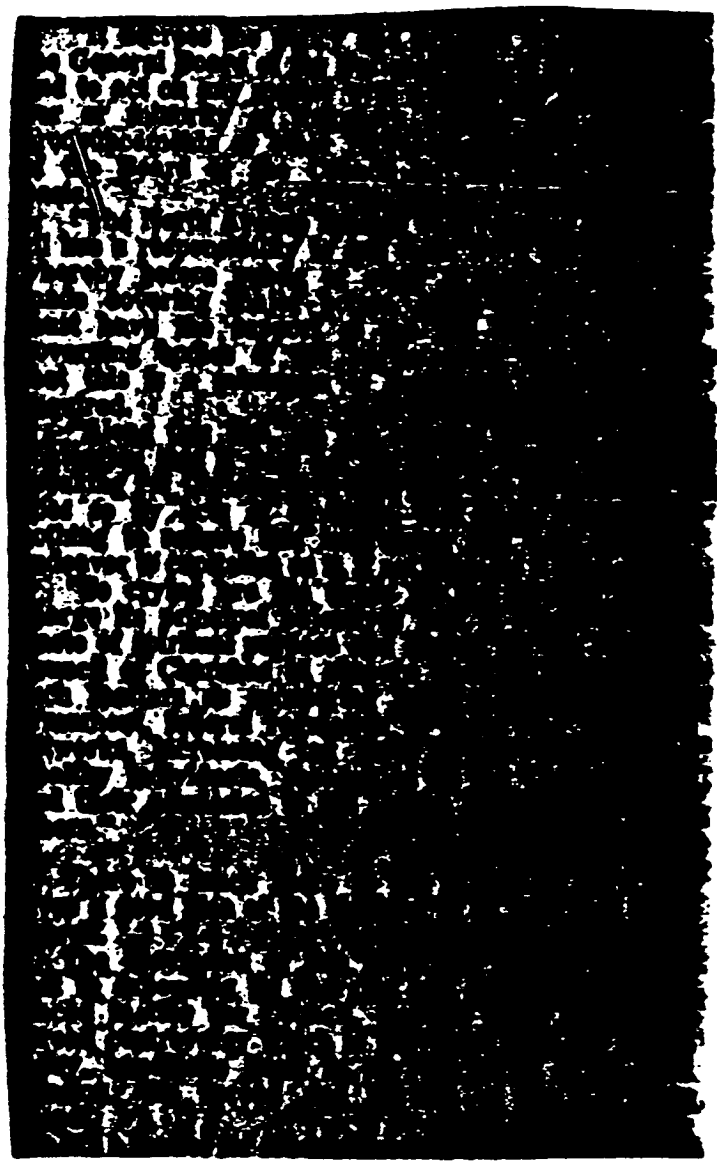
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# National council taken to task here

The policies of the National Council of Churches in America for a long time have been a source of disagreement and disturbance within religious circles. Many churches have continued their membership in the council over the protests of individual churches. In the city, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, one of the city's stronger Presbyterian congregations, has had the courage to speak out and denounce the growing disunity.

Through the Church Government Commission, the body of the church has set up a permanent committee to continue the work in that other organizations with the national council.



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There are a number of us Presbyterians and Methodists in [redacted] who are sincerely interested in whether or not these charges are true. In a special report covering some 75 pages in the December 1964 Presbyterian Survey the NCC is completely exonerated as they state in the preface: "Wild accusation of communist infiltration in the NCC have long been laid to rest by no less a national authority than J. Edgar Hoover—". The article does admit to charges of economic, political, or social activities, perhaps not in keeping with the scope of a church body, but in these admissions the guilt is shifted to some committee of the NCC over which the FCC evidently has little control.

This article also attempts to discredit Mr. Hargis, Mr. Storer, Mr. Carl McIntire, Mr. Robert Welch, Mr. Myers Lowman, Mr. Edgar Bundy, and Mr. Dan Smoot.

As a Presbyterian Elder this matter of the NCC is most important to me. I try to filter out from our news media what might be the truth but there is so much contradiction that I find myself begging for the absolute truth from some totally impeccable source such as yourself. Much of our reporting now is interpretive rather than factual with more emphasis on discrediting anti-communist activities than in disclosing those activities of communists or communist sympathizers.

A thermo-fax copy of a recent editorial from the Atlanta Times commenting on what action the Session of The North Avenue Presbyterian Church has taken with respect to the National Council of Churches is attached for your information.

I would greatly appreciate any information or documents available for public use that you might be able to give me and others here who earnestly seek the truth. I realize that your time is valuable, so much so, that were this not of some consequence to a number of people I would not prevail upon a single minute of your time.

With best wishes of the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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December 18, 1964

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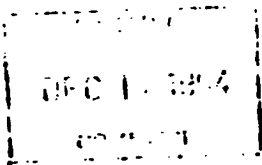
Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of December 12th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments.

With respect to your inquiry, you may be assured I have not made a statement such as you indicated. The FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Therefore, I trust you will understand why the FBI is not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we have or have not "cleared" the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
A. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism  
4/1/61 LEB Intro  
4/17/62 Internal Security Statement  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely

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Dec. 12, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read much of your testimony before the House Committee On Un-Americans Activities and I know the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not issue clearances to any organization or individuals.

The following statement appeared in the Augusta Herald Newspaper by a local Minister: "As far as Communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches goes, Rev. Croft said J. Edgar Hoover has given it a "completely clean bill of health."

Is this statement true or false or taken out of context?

I hope and pray God will continue to bless you with good health because our country needs you.

For God and Country,



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Dec. 12, 1964

[Stamp: Mr. Hoover]  
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Is this statement true or false or taken out of context?

I hope and pray God will continue to bless you with good health because our country needs you.

For God and Country,

[Redacted signature]

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December 23, 1961

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Dear

Your letter of December 17th, with enclosures, has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of assistance, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Enclosures (5)

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

4/1/61 LEB Intro

Let's Fight Communism Sanely

4/17/62 Internal Security Statement

Envelope forwarded by correspondent

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December 17, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of one of the Christian Churches in this city and a tax payer I venture this request of you, a very busy man I know.

I understand the F. B. I. has investigated the National Council of Churches for communistic influence or leaning. There have been so many charges leveled at the N. C. C. I feel the need of dependable information concerning this organization, to which most of our churches contribute monies.

We have so many sources of news to digest and I am aware there are many isms competing for man's mind I find it most difficult to winnow the true facts from the false.

To save you time I am enclosing a brief questionnaire and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and if you will give me some information on this subject, I shall greatly appreciate it.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]


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1. When the F. B. I. investigated the National Council of Churches did they find any indications of communistic leanings, or influence:

2. Do you know whether the National Council of Churches organization trains and assists students, or young people, for non-violent sit-ins and demonstrations:

3. Does the N. C. C. give financial assistance for the program of intergrating the races?

4/ Remarks:

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[Redacted address block]

Dear [Redacted name]

Your letter of December 15th enclosing fifty cents has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I have not made a statement such as you indicated. The FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Therefore, I trust you will understand why this Bureau is not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and it is hoped you will not infer either that we have or have not "cleared" the National Council of Churches.

I did not author the book, "Psychological Warfare," and therefore, I am not in a position to send you a copy. I am, however, enclosing literature which I trust will be of assistance to you, along with the fifty cents you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (6)

- Our Heritage of Greatness
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- 4-1-61 LEB Intro.

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Correspondent's enclosure

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Dec. 15, 1964  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing this letter as a concerned and confused citizen. Lately, I have read a lot of literature against the National Council of Churches. Some of this has been published by Church groups who claim they have made investigations into the council. They state it is terribly infiltrated with Communists, and is aiding the promotion of communism in the U . S.

Just recently a minister in our town preached a whole sermon in favor of the National Council of Churches.

In his sermon he made this statement, and I am copying word for word from his sermon. "I am happy that J. Edgar Hoover has put his stamp of approval on this organization. He has said that it is the greatest single force against Communism in America today. Freedom Foundation, which lacks a lot being a liberal organization gave the National Council of Churches the award for 1962 for its work against Communism.

These two groups have taken exactly opposite stands on this issue, and yet both of them use statements they claim you made to support their arguments.

I would appreciate it very much if you could send me your true opinion of this organization, and if you really do feel that it is a great force against communism.

I would also like a copy of your book, "Psychological Warfare." I have enclosed 50¢ to cover any mailing cost that might be incurred. Thank you very much for any information you might be able to send to help clear this matter up in my own mind.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

My return address is:  
[REDACTED]

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Dec 15, 1954

Dear Mr Hoover,

I am writing this letter as a concerned and confused citizen. Lately, I have read a lot of literature against the National Council of Churches.

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I would appreciate it  
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me your true opinion of this organization, and if you really do feel that it is a great force against Communism.

I would also like a copy of your book, "Psychological Warfare". I have enclosed \$5.00 to cover any mailing cost that might be incurred.

Thank you very much for any information you might be able to send to help clear this matter up in my own mind.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

My return address is,

[Redacted return address]

December 16, 1964

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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of December 4th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my books on communism and my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval. You may be interested in knowing it is my desire to remain in my present capacity as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



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- Let's Fight Communism Safely!
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
- 4-1-61 LEB Intro

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December 4, 1964

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read your books on METHODS OF DENIAL & A SENSE OF COMMUNISM. I believe that these books should be used in class room study and as reference books. I also believe that some of our Congressmen should read them too.

I would like some information if possible on the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES and the people that head the organization. Is the organization infiltrated with the left wing element? Our church group would be very grateful for any information. The question has to do with the reason the REVISED STANDARD VERSION of the BIBLE has many verses changed to have a different meaning and the original meaning put into footnotes.

Please Mr. Hoover do not retire because of pressure groups, I do not believe another person could fill the position as well as you have in the past 40 years. It will be a long time coming before they find a man of your integrity and dignity in which you carried out your duties of your office.

Thank you, Mr. Hoover and the men of your department, from a grateful citizen.

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Sincerely,

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December 14, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 6th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

"Time for Decision"

"Faith in Freedom"

Let's Fight Communism Sanely.

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Mr. Tavel
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Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Dept. of Justice Building  
 Washington D C

Dear Sir:

In preface, may I identify myself: I am 50 years old, white, male, college educated and have spent the past 27 years in the employ of the [redacted]

For the past ten years I've been the superintendent of the Mechanical Division of [redacted] responsible for maintenance, construction, dismantling, purchasing and security. I started my employment at the [redacted] and also worked at the [redacted] before coming to [redacted] in 1947. I have no criminal record and my police record consists of a couple of traffic incidents and the burglary of my home.

I'm married, have three children over 18 years of age, a grandson, own most of a \$25,000 house, drive a 1963 Mercury and a 1960 Jeep, am a registered [redacted]

[redacted] am a registered Republican with a steady voting record, earn over \$15,000 per year, and am a Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of [redacted]. The latter biographical fact is the factor behind this letter. I am communicating with you on the advice of your local FBI office.

Our Board of Elders created a committee, upon congregation request, to study the National Council of Churches. There has been some criticism of the Council in our congregation. The United Presbyterian Church of the USA contributes to the NCCFC financial program. Our local church has, prior to 1965, lead its Presbytery in benevolences (contributions to the national church) with a contribution of more than 30% of its income.

I am a member of the committee studying the Council. In particular, I have been assigned the area of communism in the Council. I have summarized our interest into three questions.

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1. Are there communist agents in the Council?
2. Are the actions of the Council communistic in nature?
3. Is the Council an innocent pawn of the Communists?

Many things that we have read imply that your bureau has checked the roster of Council officials for registered and/or unregistered agents. However, I've been unable to validate this fact. Could you indicate to me whether the FBI has reported on this fact and, if possible, advise me of the results thereof.

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The other two questions, I realize, are subject to much debate. Recognizing that any organization may function, at times, in a manner compatible with communist aims, there is probably no positive answer to these questions. We would appreciate any suggestions as to material, references and/or information to which we could refer for a clear picture of the general cast of the council's activities.

Some of our people are interested and concerned to some extent in the lobbying activities of the Council. This interest falls in the area of politics and is, I presume, outside the sphere of your bureau.

Dr. Charles B. Ehrhardt, of the First Presbyterian Church of Phoenix, Ariz., has made reference to statements made by your assistant, Mr. William C. Sullivan, relative to Communists in our clergy and in the Council. Our committee is interested in presenting the sense of those statements to our Session and congregation in the most convincing manner possible. We believe a communication from your bureau would furnish that facility.

This communication with you is being executed with the full knowledge and approval of our committee. Our chairman is [REDACTED] also a Ruling Elder and employee of [REDACTED], and our pastor member is our Associate Pastor, [REDACTED] is the senior pastor, and is fully aware of the activities of the committee. The committee is communicating, directly, with the board of the Council with questions on finances, lobbying and other activities. The committee has been at work for most of this year.

We realize that your bureau has many tasks of much greater importance than providing us with information. We begrudge the time for answering this letter that will be taken from those tasks. We would not have presumed upon you without the encouragement of your local office. We believe your efforts will be justified, however, in that we will use whatever information we obtain from you to help the congregation be better citizens. We are trying to avoid being victimized by slanted information and of committing a slanted report as was done by a committee of another denomination. Any recommendation your office can make on the conduct of our committee study will be appreciated.

We appreciate your attention to this letter, and thank you in advance for any information you can provide.

Yours truly,  
[REDACTED]

December 11, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 6th has been received.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Sir:

I am a Methodist minister and would appreciate very much some information from the files of Federal authority.

Our position as ministers is trying to know and teach the truth, and before I can go any closer to what I believe to be true I make an earnest request to you as a responsible citizen and head of the F. B. I.

Is the National Council of Churches listed as Communist or fronts for Communism?

Please help us out as we will be better able to combat the evil of mind and soul slavery.

Yours Respectfully  
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"Our Business Is People"

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Yours Respectfully

/s/

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December 10, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 6th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is literature I trust you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I recently listened to a speech by a well-known speaker in which he stated that the National Council of Churches advocates the elimination, or the near elimination, of your great investigative organization.

○ This has upset me very much since my church is a member of the National Council of Churches and, therefore, I'm contributing towards your defeat when I send in my church dues. If this is true, I refuse to contribute to such a cause. There must be communists within the National Council of Churches otherwise that organization could not possible pursue such an un-American policy.

Respectfully yours,



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CORRESPONDENCE



December 9, 1964

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100-50869-17  
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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 30th has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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DEC 9 - 1964  
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- Enclosures (5)
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- Time for Decision
- 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
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F B I  
RECORDS SECTION

November 30, 1964.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F B I  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I read in the newspaper that you re-  
cently mentioned that communists had infiltrated the  
National Council of Churches. Would you please advise  
me if the communists have made inroads into the Council  
mentioned?

I am a member of the [redacted] Methodist  
Church of the [redacted] City Church is one of those support-  
ing the National Council of Churches. Therefore  
my fellow church members and I are deeply interested  
whether or not we are supporting communists.

Certainly on a local level we can and <sup>must</sup> stop  
any support of known communists. Any information  
that you can furnish me will be appreciated.

Our Country is everlasting indebted to  
you for your unselfish service.

Sincerely yours, DEC 10 1964

[redacted signature block]

CORRESPONDENCE

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December 4, 1964

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 1st has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing literature which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating the evil of communism. Perhaps you may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," and "A Study of Communism." These were written in order to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Time for Decision

4-1-61 LEB Introduction

4-17-63 Internal Security Statement

Let's Fight Communism Sincerely!

Faith in God-- Our Answer to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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TELETYPE UNIT

December 1, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Dept. Of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your assistance in answering the following questions will be  
Sincerely Appreciated.

1. Has there ever been, or is there now, any evidence of Communist influence, or control within the National Council Of Churches of Christ in The USA ?
2. Has there ever been, or is there now, any evidence of the leadership of the National Council Of Churches of Christ, having been involved, directly, or indirectly, with the Communist Party USA, or Communist Front Organizations?
  - a. If So, who, and what organizations?

Our Congregation is not associated with, connected to, or an affiliate of the National Council Of Churches. The information requested is to be used in answering inquiries we have received concerning Communist activities the National Council of Churches.

Any information concerning Communist influence and control of religious activities in the United States will be helpful.

Sincerely,

  
Minister

ES/17

TRUE COPY



Dear Mr Hoover:

Could you send me your idea of the National  
Council of Churches or World Council of Churches  
also an account of Rev Harry F. Ward.

Thanking you kindly,



REC- 40



*[Faint handwritten notes]*

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hoover:

Could you send me  
your idea of the  
National Council of Churches

or  
World Council of Churches  
also an account of ~~Dr~~ Harry J. Ward.

Thanking you kindly,

[REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

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December 1, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 24th, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the organizations or individual about whom you inquired.

I am returning the stamp which you so thoughtfully forwarded.

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Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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December 4, 1964

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 20th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is literature I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

A. Edgar Hoover

DEC 11 1964

- enclosures (5)
- Time for Decision, 11-24-64
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- 1/1/61 LEB Intro
- 2/17/62 Internal Security Statement
- Let's Fight Communism Sincerely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in files.  
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TRUE COPY

11-22-64

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a practicing veterernarian in northwest Kansas and my wife and I have been interested in doing Christian work either in the U. S. or some foreign country. We have been in contact with thó National Council of Churches who have been trying to locate a position for us.

Because of some of the stories we have heard about communist infiltrating this organization we have become concerned if it is a serious situation.

We thought you would be willing to give us what information you have and some advice as to whether it is a completly christian and trustworthy organization.

Respectfully Yours



REC- 21

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a practicing veterinarian in northwest Kansas and my wife and I have been interested in doing Christian work either in the U.S. or some foreign country. We have been in contact with the National Council of Churches who have been trying to locate a position for us.

Because of some of the stories we have heard about communist infiltrating this organization we have become concerned if it is a serious situation.

We thought you would be willing to give us what information you have and some advice as to whether it is a completely christian and trustworthy organization.

Respectfully yours

[Redacted signature block]

December 4, 1964

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Dear

The letter of November 27th from your wife and you has been received. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments and support.

While I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the National Council of Churches. In addition, I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files regarding this organization.

I am enclosing a list of organizations designated by the Department of Justice as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and some other material which I hope you will find of interest. You may also be interested in securing a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This booklet lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, for seventy cents.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

- List of Subversive Organizations
- Counterintelligence Activities
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

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11/17/54

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am requesting that your office please send us a copy of all Communist organizations; also any other that are un-American. In this day and age one cannot be too careful. Do you have any information on the National Council of Churches? Being a veteran of twenty years naval service and two wars; I refuse to knowingly contribute to or aid in any manner anything but a democracy.

Let us at this time sir congratulate you on your devotion to duty and sparkling record over all these years. In 47 years of age, my wife is three years younger; to us you have been the F.B.I. all of our lifetime.

We find it very disgusting to read of the recent attacks on your ability and usefulness. Your reply to these groups is as expected and should be; in Naval language, well done. Thanking you for your time and consideration, we remain,

[REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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December 4, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 1st has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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COMM-FBI

NOTE: Correspondent wrote in April of this year concerning the ~~Christin~~ ~~Layman~~ and was forwarded outgoing 4-30-64 enclosing Bureau reprint material usually sent in response to inquiries of this kind. At that time, she was not identifiable in Bufiles.

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

[REDACTED]  
December 1, 1964

Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have read in recent books and articles that the National Council of Churches and certain members of this council are communist. Does your office possess any evidence that will in any way support such charges? Is the National Council of Churches carried on any list in your office as being communist in nature or under the influence of communist? If there is such a list could a copy be forwarded to me..

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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December 1, 1964

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Dear

Your letter of November 26th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

Enclosed is some literature I hope you will find of interest.

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DEC 1 - 1964  
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- "Time for Decision"
- The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
- Domestic Intelligence
- Communism--The Incredible Swindle
- One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

November 26, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

In June 1964 the South Carolina Methodist Conference appointed a committee charged with the task of attempting to clarify some allegations directed toward the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States. I am a member of the committee.

If it is within your authority, I should like the answer to the charge that: -- representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church, invited to this country by the National Council, are in fact agents of the Soviet Union; that at least some of these representatives are members of the Soviet Secret Police.

We shall appreciate any information you can give us.

Sincerely,

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November 30, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 21st has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the National Council of Churches.

I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files regarding this organization.

Sincerely yours,

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DEC 1 - 1964  
COMM-FBI

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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

November 21, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I. Director  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir


I would like information on the <sup>①</sup>National Council of Churches.  
Are they control by the communist?

I would like this information before December 15, 1964.  
I am attending a board meeting of our Presbyterian Women's  
Association and this is an issue. We have always given \$25.00  
to the United Council of Church Women, but this year they  
voted no money because the National Council of Churches are  
control by the communist.

I had cut out of the Los Angeles Times a clipping about the  
National Council of Churches, that they had been investigated  
by the F.B.I. and the report, that it could not find any proof  
that the organization was control by the communist.  
I gave this clipping to a party and she misplace it.  
I am afraid it is going to split our group into choosng sides,  
and that is just what the communist wants. At the end of the  
clipping it stated most of the accusation were politic.  
I know that the communist is into every thing but I don't  
believe in throwing the baby out with the bath water.

Christ tells us to love our enemies and pray for them. He will  
destroy them. The Birch society and the Minuteman will not  
and cannot destroy communist, because they hate.  
I hate what the communist stand for and want no part of it.  
I fear man that is without God, be he capitalist, socialist or  
communist. Thank you

Yours truly

*11/30/64*  
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**CORRESPONDENCE**

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November 27, 1964

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Dear [Redacted]

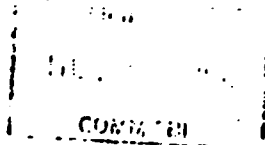
Your letter of November 22nd has been received and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the complimentary remarks you made.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the National Council of Churches. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding this organization.

I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help readers gain an insight into the true nature of the communist conspiracy in this country. The latter contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. These books may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE AND ENCLOSURES NEXT PAGE



**Enclosures**

**The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy**

**Time of Testing**

**"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"**

**Internal Security Statement 4-17-62**

**Let's Fight Communism Sanely!**

**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles and the National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.**

TRUE COPY

  
November 22, 1964

U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Just recently, about 2 years ago, the church denomination I belong to affiliated with the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. There have been many things said pro and con about this organization and since I am a Sunday School teacher and also a Youth Advisor in my particular congregation I am seeking as much factual information as you can give me about the National Council of Churches. These are some of the questions I have in mind and I guess there are many more. I hope you can help give answers to these questions: Are any of the people that make up this group members of the Communist Party? Have any of them been members of the Communist Party in the past? Are any of these people members of or have been members of any Communist front organization?

I also understand that this organization was very instrumental in revising the King James version of the Bible to what is now known as the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Are any of the people ( and I do not know any names to ask about) who worked on this revision Communists? Do these people (the same ones) have any affiliation with any Communist or Communist front organizations to day?

Does this organization (the N. C. C. U. S. A.) act as a lobby in Washington? Has this group asked for Communist China to be admitted to United Nations membership?

I would appreciate any literature your organization (the F. B. I.) can send to me on the subjects spoken about above. I would also appreciate any reference material pertaining to Communism and how it works, especially were it concerns and involves young people. What are the things to be on the look out for?

I realize that there are many questions here and I hope and trust that all of them can be answered by your staff.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

I also want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for a wonderful job you and your staff are doing in these trying situations and times. Thank you once again for a fine job and I certainly hope it will continue for many years to come.

Very truly yours,  


Please Reply To:  


Nov 22, 1968

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

U.S. Dept. of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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I also understand that this organization was very instrumental in revising the King James version of the Bible to make a new version which is the Standard Version of the Bible. Are any of the people

to day?

Does this (the <sup>organization</sup> in the U.S.) act as a lobby in Washington? Has this group asked for common sense changes to be included to a national constitution?

I would appreciate any information you might give me (by mail) on the subject of speaking at our school. I would also appreciate any reference material pertaining to Communism and how it affects our society and our national administration. How people relate to the things to be done to look out for?

I would be glad to answer any questions you and I hope that this letter will be answered by your staff.

Thank you very much for your contribution in this matter.

I also want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for all wonderful jobs you and your staff are doing in the field of education and learning. Thank you and give my love to your staff and I certainly hope to meet you sometime in the near future.

~~Very truly yours,~~

PLEASE REPLY TO:

~~[Redacted address information]~~



REC-44

November 10, 1954

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Your letter of November 10th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot provide it as of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will contact either that we do or do not have information regarding the activities of the Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Hoover


- Encls. 102 (4)
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- 4-1-51 LEB Intro
- 4-17-51 Internal Security Statement
- Let's Fight Communism Honestly!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in LEB files.

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TRUE COPY

11-18-64



J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have come across several brochures, articles and documents pertaining to the National Council of Churches. These documents make many charges against the activities of the N. C. C. The charge most commonly made and the one that is of particular interest to me is that the Council has been and is now being used and infiltrated by the Communist Party. I do not know if this material is valid or not.

Since I am a member of the Presbyterian Church which is a participant in the N. C. C., I am quite concerned as to the validity of the Charges.

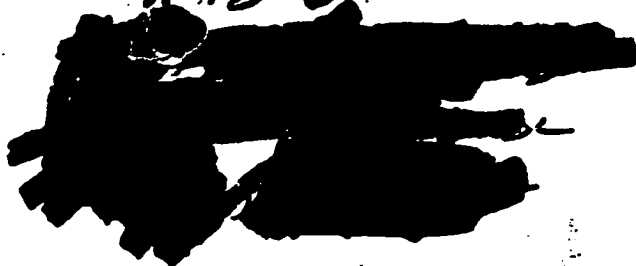
I would appreciate obtaining reliable information from a trustworthy source. This is my purpose in writing to you.

Sincerely,



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1-12-64



Judge Hoover

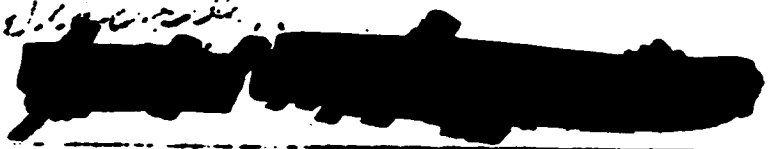
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have come across several  
brochures, articles and documents pertaining to  
the National Council of Churches. These documents  
are many of them against the activities of  
C. C. The charges and accusations  
are so serious that it is particularly disturbing  
in that the Council has been accused of  
being used and manipulated by the Communist  
Party. I do not know if this material is  
reliable or not.

Since I am a member of the National  
Council which is participating in the C. C.,  
I am quite concerned as to the reliability  
of the above.

I would appreciate receiving a letter regarding  
this matter. I am sure you will be of  
help in writing to me.

Sincerely,  


November 25, 1961

REC-40

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 17th has been received, and it is a pleasure to enclose a copy of my latest address before The American Legion, together with other material I trust you will find of interest.

With respect to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, I would like to point out that information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential and is available for official use only. I hope you will not be either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the organization about which you asked.

As you may know, the FBI is unable to furnish the names of persons, and agencies may refer you to the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. For this reason, I am referring a copy of your communication to him for any information he might be able to furnish you.

Director, FBI

R. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)  
An American's Challenge  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism  
Let's Fight Communism Manly  
"Faith in Freedom"  
4-17-62 Internal Security, Espionage

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NOTE: Neither the correspondent or the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is identifiable in Butiles. A copy of correspondent's letter was  
sent to the Department of State by [REDACTED].

**TRUE COPY**

**Nov 18 - '64**

**J Edgar Hoover or Staff**

**Sir:**

**May I have a copy of your "American Legion address"? A study group is being formed here to try to inform ourselves and our friends about the Communist threat.**

**We are interested in the involvement of the National Council of Churches. We would also like to know more about the ultimate use of Unicef funds. There is much discussion in our community on these two things at present.**

**Your help would be appreciated.**

**Thank you.**



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**DEC 3 1964**

Nov 15 '64

J Edgar Hoover or Staff

Sir:

May I have a copy of your "American Legion address"? A study group is being formed here to try to inform ourselves and our friends about the Communist threat.

We are interested in the involvement of the National Council of Churches. We would also like to know more about the ultimate use of Unicef funds. There is much discussion in our community on these two things at present.

Your help would be appreciated.  
Thank you.

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CORRESPONDENCE

[REDACTED]

November 20, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Permit me to join with a majority of our thinking people in condemnation of your accusations against Martin Luther King. There seems but little evidence for the issuing of such an apparently hot-headed statement.

If you are really looking for some "bad" thing you might investigate the associations which put out your "murderous staff" as the inclosure.

Respectfully Yours

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A "PAUL ROBESON" MESSAGE - TO A F... - SPREAD & ALARM DON'T DISCARD.

# Toward a Carned Socialist: Communistic, Sponsored By The National Council of Churches of Christ

1907 - 1935

Dr. Harry F. Ward, a Fabian Socialist, came to the United States from Britain. In 1907 he organized the Methodist Federation for Social Service. The name was later changed to the Methodist Federation for Social Action and placed on the subversive list while Dr. Ward was identified under oath as a Communist.

In 1908 one year later, the Fabian Socialists participated in the organization of the Federal Council of Churches. Dr. Harry F. Ward wrote the original Social Creed for both the Federal Council of Churches and the Methodist Church.

In 1932 Sidney Hillman organized the Religion and Labor Foundation to tie the Churches in with the labor movement. Sidney Hillman had close ties with the Kremlin and his assistant was Walter Reuther. Close working relations were immediately established with the church leadership. The Communist Party was contended that the C.I.O. labor organization was established with the aid of the clergy under Dr. Harry F. Ward's influence. Gu. Hell, head of the Communist Party, U.S.A., lists himself as a founder of the C.I.O. Steel Workers Union.

In 1935 the Office of Naval Intelligence cited the Federal Council of Churches for giving aid to Communist Cause. — Congressional Record Sept. 10, 1935.

1935 - 1950

During this period Walter Reuther established closer working relations with the Federal Council of Churches. In February 1950 he was invited to the Federal Council of Churches' Second National Study Conference on Church and Economic Life, the agency which developed the plan for a Socialistic Society in the United States under the title.

## "BASIC CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR ECONOMIC LIFE."

In December 1950 a reorganization was completed under the terms of which lay people were to have equal responsibility with the clergy for establishing policy of the church organization and the name was changed to the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. No change was made however, in Church leadership.

1950 - 1964

The clergy continued its drive toward Socialism. When the Lay people opposed this policy, which was their right under the reorganization plan of 1950, they were pushed aside and their National Lay Committee was disbanded on June 30, 1955. Since that date it has been full speed ahead toward a one world—one church, Socialistic Society.

## Destruction of Fundamental Beliefs

In 1952 95 Translators, 30 of whom had been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications collaborated and copyrighted the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for the National Council of Churches. Perhaps the most important change was in Isaiah 7:14 removing the "virgin birth" from the prophets — (Check your St. James Version with R.S.V. Bible.) The London Express of July 1, 1964 reports the expelling of Walter Gill, a Methodist minister, who wrote an unbelief in the virgin birth. The Methodist ministers in the U.S.A. can cite the R.S.V. Bible to substantiate their unbelief. A few Christians are aware of the record of the R.S.V. translators.

Most people are not aware that the National Council of Churches, through its unofficial publication "Christianity Today" issue of October 26, 1962, informed the Supreme Court and others that it would look with favor upon a Supreme Court decision prohibiting Prayer and Bible reading in the Public Schools.

The North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly sponsored by the National Council and World Council of Churches at Ann Arbor Michigan in September 1961 put on a play "I or Heaven's Sake" which was termed blasphemous. It referred to Christ as "He was a flop at 33."

At the New York World's Fair the Protestant Council of New York, N.C.C. affiliate, is showing a picture "The Paragon" in which our Lord is portrayed as a Clown, yes, a real live Clown! A foolish simpleton! Everyone who knows our Lord should storm the gates! Stir up every Christian! Get the news out — get the picture out of the World's Fair! We will see Orilla Wilson — P.O. Box 502 Morongo Valley, California, who saw it. She like many others just could not believe it until she saw it herself.

Sunday School Literature going to N.C.C. affiliated churches can only result in our rearing a generation of youngsters who know not the word of God. They are being prepared to accept the "Kingdom of God on Earth" the materialistic one world - Socialistic Society whose origin is in Moscow. Good citizens seem paralyzed and speechless offering little opposition. Wm. Z. Foster in his book "Toward a Soviet America" on page 113 states: "In the U.S.S.R., as part of the general cultural revolution, religion is being liquidated. — Religion is now in decay, crisis throughout the capitalist world." The National Council of Churches by actions listed above is assisting the Communist conspiracy.

## Statement Made By Joseph Stalin in Moscow

"By making readily available drugs of various kinds, by giving a teen-ager alcohol, by praising his wildness, by straggling him with sex literature and advertising to him or her, as taught at Sea'ol, the psychopolitical preparation can create the necessary attitude of chaos, illiteracy and worthlessness into which can then be cast the solution which will give the teen-ager complete freedom everywhere. If we can effectively kill the national pride and patriotism of just one generation we will have won that country. Therefore, there must be continued propaganda abroad to undermine the loyalty of the citizens in general and the teen-agers in particular."

—LA. Herald Examiner July 29, 1963. These things that have been happening in our society are not happenstance, they are planned.

We contend that the record of the National Council of Churches in this diabolical plot, speaks for itself.

"If the Foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do" — Psalms 11:3

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